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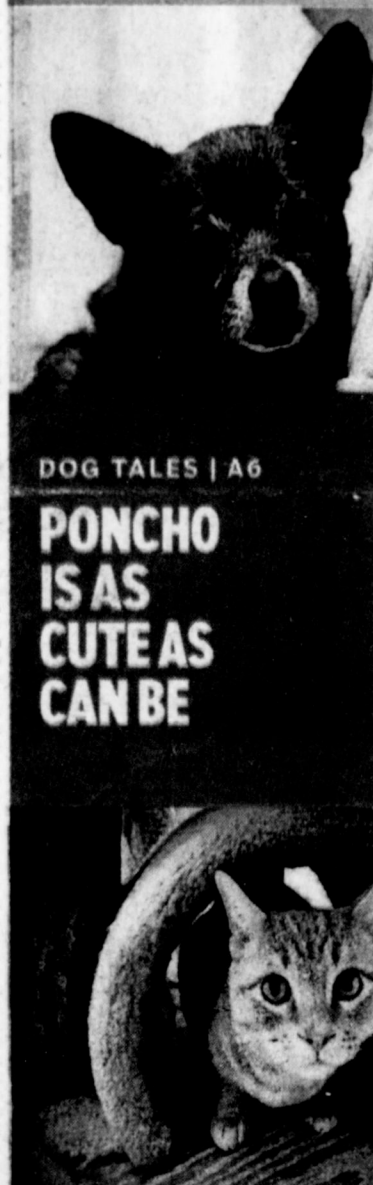
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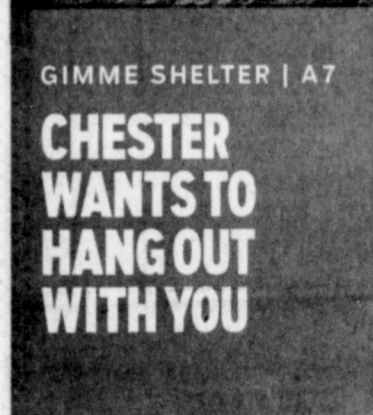
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High school start times

**But CHS is not
part of the trend
for later start**

By Abigail Adams
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Officials from Boston Public Schools have recently been grappling with the decision to alter school start times throughout the district, much to the dismay of some parents. It is a conversation that has consumed much of the country in recent years,

including several South Shore communities.

But the matter is not as simple as some think, said Cohasset Public Schools' Superintendent Louise Demas.

Research has shown that early start times conflict with the sleep needs of an adolescent, which could have a subsequent effect on both their physical and mental health. As a result, the Centers for Disease Control and

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Cohasset High School has not followed the trend and adopted later start times as have other communities. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO]

S. Main Street all lit up for holidays



Traffic on South Main Street adds to the holiday lights that decorate Cohasset Village this season. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

Ready for some winter weather

**Town gears up
for the season**

By Abigail Adams
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Winter is coming. Luckily, the town of Cohasset is prepared.

Although Thursday (Dec. 21) marked the first day of astronomical winter, cold temperatures and snow squalls have blanketed the Northeast since the start of the meteorological winter on Dec. 1. While most communities on the South Shore have yet to see a substantial winter storm in recent weeks, Department of Public Works Director Brian Joyce said Cohasset is ready for the inevitable.

"We are always striving to be prepared for a winter like we had in 2015," said Joyce, referencing the more than 100 inches of snowfall recorded in Boston during the 2014-15 winter. The town spent \$580,403 on the snow and ice expenditure in FY15, exceeding its \$125,000 yearly budget.

Last year, Cohasset spent \$219,466.71 in total on their snow and ice expenditure.

During any given storm, according to Joyce, the town plows approximately 50 miles of public and private ways, including nine town and school facility parking lots, and clear 15 miles of sidewalk. Six DPW truck and 17 contract vehicles are typically on the road during winter storms either plowing or treating the pavement.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

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"We are always striving to be prepared for a winter like we had in 2015."

Brian Joyce, DPW director

Troop 28 Eagle Scout builds boat rack

By Abigail Adams
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Ryan Conforti, 18, said he sometimes finds motivation in procrastination. But when it came time for his Eagle Scout project, the 2016 Cohasset High School graduate said time management was not initially his strength.

Conforti put the scouts on the back-burner during the latter years of high school in order to focus on his school work and part-time job. Although he gave his project nearly two years of thought, Conforti -- who is a member of Troop 28 -- knew he wanted to finish what he had started.

"I felt like I would have been cheating myself if I didn't go all the way to Eagle Scout after being in the scouts for as long as I have been," he said.

Conforti joined the scouts

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Ryan Conforti, 18, stands in front of the boat rack he built for the Cohasset Maritime Institute as part of his Eagle Scout Project. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

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George Cooney

Name: George Cooney.

Occupation: South Shore Vo-Tech School Committee Member.

Best day of your life: Wedding Day.

Best (or worst) vacation: Best: Italy!

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Ground Hog Day.

Favorite snack: Tostitos with just a hint of lime.

Best book or magazine: Magazine: Performance VW.

Best movie and actor: Movie: 2 Lane Black Top; Actor: Matt Damon.

Best TV shows: Breaking Bad and Designated Survivor.

Best music, group, or artist: EDM.

Pet peeve: None.



The Mariner caught up with George Cooney, who is the Cohasset representative on the South Shore Vo-Tech School Committee. If you see George around town, be sure to tell him that you spotted him in Picture This! [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD]

Most embarrassing moment, dumbest thing you've ever done, or fun fact: Always owned a VW. This could be considered an answer to all 3!

Goal: To promote a Technical High School Education.

Person you'd most like to meet: Leonardo DaVinci.

Biggest worry: No Worries, be

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Best part of Cohasset: People.

SENIOR SCENE

Pathways Through Grief Support Group

All events take place at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohler St., unless noted. Call for Reservations: 781-383-9112.

Weekly Lunches: Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations are required no less than 24-hours in advance. Delicious meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.

* Tuesday, December 26, Chef Carol: haddock chowder
* Wednesday, December 27, Lunch provided by Olympic Grille
* Thursday, December 28, Melissa Peralta, Suddenly Simple Events: roast beef and roasted potatoes

PATHWAYS THROUGH GRIEF, Thursdays, December 28-February 1, from 2 to 3:30 pm. If you are experiencing grief and loss because of the death of a loved one, don't go through it alone. We are offering a bereavement support group through Beacon Hospice available to anyone who needs support

during this difficult time. There is no cost but pre-registration is required.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT AND BEYOND, Monday, January 8, 11:30 am. Join us for a lunch and discussion by real estate, estate planning and financial professionals. Learn about threats to your retirement assets, the pros and cons of reverse mortgages and the importance of proper estate and long-term care planning. Attorney Katherine Sheehan of Desrosiers, Tierney and Sheehan from Duxbury, Cohasset resident Matthew Cunningham of Flagship Harbor Advisors in Hingham and Chris Downey of Harbor Mortgage Solutions in Braintree will discuss these and related topics during this comprehensive program designed to inform and guide. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge but registration is required no later than Thursday, January 4.

COHASSET BAND/CHORALE CONCERT, Tuesday, January 9, 11:30 a.m. Happy New Year! Join us as we host

the talented musicians from Cohasset Middle/High School for a short performance to welcome 2018. Plan on staying for a delicious lunch at 12:00 pm. Lunch reservations required by Friday, January 5. All are welcome. \$3

AUTHOR TALKS PRESENTATION, Thursday, January 11, 1:30 p.m. Join us as author Ray Sinibaldi discusses his recent book, John F. Kennedy in New England. Mr Sinibaldi served for three years as a docent at the JFK Library. In his most recent work, featuring a selection of 200 photos, he has captured the man, the husband, the father, the uncle, the brother and the friend who ultimately became the 35th President of the United States. Don't miss this fascinating speaker. Reservations strongly preferred. \$5.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:
Cohasset Café: Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m. Drop in for coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats provided by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. \$3.
French Conversation: Mondays, 10 a.m. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

Zumba Gold, Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m. Ditch the work out! Join the party! Zumba Gold workout incorporates dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance. Drop in. \$5.
Gentle Yoga: Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.
Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.
Veteran's Services

Hours, Tuesday afternoon, by appointment.

Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own foursome.

Stretch and Balance Conditioning: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Low impact class focusing on balance and flexibility. \$5.

Seniors got Strength!: Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. \$5.

Great Discussions: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Topics include current events relating to national interests. All are welcome. Free.

Book Club: Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m. Drop in's welcome.

Hearing Clinic: Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., by appt.
Reiki - Third Wednesday of the month, 1-2:40 p.m. by appointment. \$3.
Quilting/Handcraft Group: Thursdays at 10 to 12 p.m. Drop in.

Friday Morning Quarterback: Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Drop in to chat about sports-related topics. Free.
Knitting: Drop in. Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Learners welcome.

Representative Joan Meschino: Office Hours, 2nd Monday of the month, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Senator Patrick O'Connor: Office Hour. 3rd Thursday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m.

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Friday	22	1:40	8.2	1:45	9.0	7:30	1.0	8:00	0.2	7:09	4:14
Saturday	23	2:21	8.2	2:27	8.8	8:14	1.1	8:43	0.3	7:09	4:15
Sunday	24	3:04	8.2	3:13	8.6	9:00	1.2	9:28	0.5	7:10	4:15
Monday	25	3:50	8.3	4:03	8.5	9:50	1.2	10:16	0.5	7:10	4:16
Tuesday	26	4:38	8.4	4:56	8.4	10:43	1.1	11:07	0.5	7:10	4:17
Wednesday	27	5:29	8.7	5:53	8.4	11:40	0.8			7:11	4:17
Thursday	28	6:23	9.1	6:51	8.5	12:01	0.4	12:38	0.4	7:11	4:18

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POLICE BEAT

Alleged 4th-time drunken driver arrested after pursuit

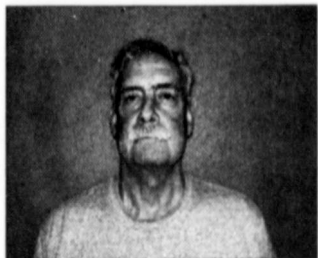
By Mary Ford
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Police personnel returning from dropping off a truck load of toys to the Toys for Tots collection center at the Marine Corps Depot in South Boston happened upon an alleged drunken driver speeding away from an accident in Hull that occurred just minutes earlier.

Sergeant Jeffrey Treanor and desk clerk Paul Murphy were in the police pickup truck on Route 228 (Hull Street) in Cohasset when they spotted a 2015 Toyota Camry heading toward Route 3A around 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 12).

The alleged accident victim was pursuing the Toyota in a 2008 Acura RDX. Police said the woman's airbags had deployed and were emitting smoke; she was on her cell phone with the dispatch center.

Treanor reversed direction near Cedar Street, activated the blue lights and siren and got behind the Toyota, which — once in Hingham on Route 228 — drove over a lawn and up onto a curb and headed back toward



James R. Sweeney, 65, of 67 Mount Blue St., Norwell, has been charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (fourth offense). [COURTESY PHOTO]

Cohasset, turning onto Elizabeth Lane just before the lights at Route 228.

Treanor turned around and followed the Toyota down the dead-end street where the car had gone off the road and onto a homeowner's front yard.

The driver, James R. Sweeney, 65, of 67 Mount Blue St., Norwell, was pulled from the car. He smelled of alcohol and was exhibiting signs of heavy intoxication, police said.

Sweeney was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (fourth offense — a felony); leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage; negligent

operation of the motor vehicle; failure to drive in marked lanes; and failure to stop for a police officer.

Sweeney complained of chest pains at the Cohasset Police Station and was transported to South Shore Hospital under police guard. He was released from the hospital after nine hours and returned to the station.

Sweeney was arraigned on the charges the following day in Hingham District Court and is being held at the Plymouth County House of Correction.

Spoofed number

A 61-year-old Cohasset woman reported to police last week that someone with a heavy middle-eastern accent hijacked her phone number and was calling people who answered thinking it was her. Comcast issued her a new phone number. She wanted to make police aware of the incident.

Vandalism

The Cohasset Golf Club groundskeeper reported to police on Monday (Dec.

11) that two vehicles had apparently done "donuts" on the nursery damaging the area where the club grows new grass which is later transplanted to worn areas of the course. The incident is under investigation.

Videos

A 42-year-old Dedham woman, who was following a tree crew from Boston to Cohasset was not harassing the crew as reported, but was obtaining video surveillance of her ex-husband who was allegedly working under the table and owed child support, police said.

The incident occurred between 7 and 8 a.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 12). The crew reported to police that they were being followed and eventually drove to the station; the woman followed them there and explained her side of the story. She told police she had the video she needed for the court.

MV stop/tow

An officer on patrol stopped a 2004 Ford pickup truck just before 1 a.m. on Thursday

(Dec. 14) northbound on Route 3A because a computer check showed the registration had been revoked for nonpayment of insurance.

The driver, a 36-year-old Scituate man, was issued a summons to appear in Quincy District Court, to face the charged of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating with revoked registration.

Vandalism

The 45-year-old man who is resident manager of Cohasset Estates which is under construction reported on Thursday morning (Dec. 14) that two exterior lanterns on light posts were smashed. The lanterns were valued at \$400 each.

Chain reaction

Police said a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox, operated by a 27-year-old Cohasset man, did not stop on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) around 8:15 a.m. on Friday (Dec. 15), and hit the back of a stopped 2016 Nissan Titan that was pushed into a 2007 Mercedes.

The 20-year-old Cohasset woman in the Mercedes had stopped to make a left into the Harborview Nursing Center near the town line. The Nissan, driven by a 34-year-old Scituate man, stopped behind her when the Nissan was hit by the Chevrolet, police said.

The driver of the Chevrolet was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

Goose busters

The Cohasset Golf Club let police know on Saturday morning (Dec. 15) that there would be goose hunting on the course that morning and afternoon. The shooting was well within the law, police said.

MVA

A 2008 Toyota sedan, operated by a 72-year-old Hull woman, was backing out of a space by Dependable Cleaners on S. Main Street and hit a 2012 Ford Fusion, that was driven by a 69-year-old Cohasset man. The woman told police she did not see the Fusion. There were no tows and no one was cited.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stove top and oven fires responded to

By John Dockray
Assistant Fire Chief

On Wednesday (December 13) at 7:04 p.m., Engine 2, Engine 1, Ladder 1, Ambulance 2, C-2 and C-1 were dispatched to 76 Pleasant Street for a reported stove fire.

On arrival of the scene, firefighters met the resident of the house in the driveway and she stated that the stove top in the kitchen was on fire. As units were responding to the scene, the dispatch center paged out a box alarm call back for a building fire.

As firefighters entered the house they discovered a heavy smoke condition and made their way to kitchen to find the stove top on fire, with the fire extending into the cabinets and microwave above the stove top.

Firefighters knocked the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher and stretched an attack line to the side door of the residence as a precaution. Once the fire was knocked down, firefighters performed a quick primary search of the residence and found the family dog at the front door unharmed.

Once the fire was completely knocked down, crew remained on scene for an additional hour overhauling, checking for any extension, and ventilating the residence. The cause of the fire was accidental from cooking.

No injuries were reported

and an engine from Scituate Fire covered headquarters while units were tied up at the scene.

Oven fire

On Friday (December 15) at 3:38 p.m., Engine 2 and C-2 responded to 17 Lantern Lane for a reported oven fire. While units were responding to the scene, the dispatch center paged a box alarm call back for a possible building fire.

On arrival of the scene firefighters met the homeowner of the residence in front of the house stating she was baking cookies in the oven when smoke and flames started coming out of the oven.

The homeowner shut off the oven, called 911 and evacuated the home.

Once firefighters made their way into the kitchen they discovered the oven was still emitting a small amount smoke. The power to the oven was shut down at the electrical panel in the basement.

Engine 1 was then dispatched to the scene once an off-duty member responded back for station coverage. Once the oven had cooled down and stopped smoking it was removed from the residence.

National Grid arrived on scene and assisted firefighters with capping the gas line to the oven unit. The cause of the oven fire was a hole in the floor of the oven unit.

Holiday hours extended for package stores

By Abigail Adams
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All businesses with package licenses -- including all-alcohol and wine and malt licenses -- have been approved to remain open until 9 p.m. on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Both holidays fall on a Sunday this year. Package stores in Cohasset are

typically open until 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Under state law, businesses with package license can stay open as late as 11:30 p.m. before a holiday.

Town officials said Curtis Liquors reached out to request the extension of their hours. The Board of Selectmen approved of the extension unanimously for all businesses holding package licenses.

Positive results for Deer Hill School climate

By Abigail Adams
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According to the results of a statewide survey, the Deer Hill School is considered to have "relatively strong" school climate.

The survey, administered to grade five students at the end of their 2017 MCAS exam, was developed to measure how positive a school's climate is for students. Ninety-eight students responded to the survey.

A positive school climate, according to the Boston-based Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy, "is linked to increased academic achievement, higher attendance, better psychological health, and lower rates of aggression."

"I think [the survey results] gives us a really positive profile of our student in grade 5 and how they feel

about being students in the Cohasset Public Schools" said Superintendent Louise Demas.

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act from 2015 recognizes the significance of a healthy school climate and gives states the opportunity to measure school climate as a just one of many nonacademic indicators when measuring school performance.

In Massachusetts, the Rennie Center teamed up with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Boston College, and the Massachusetts Institute for College and Career readiness to determine how to best measure school climates across the state. The survey was separated into three categories; engagement, safety, and environment.

Deer Hill students scored above the state average on

the majority of questions on the survey. Ninety-two percent of students polled, for instance, felt that students at their school respect one another, 18 points higher than the 74 percent state average. Additionally, 90 percent of Deer Hill students polled said students at their school got along well with each other, 16 points above the 74 percent state average.

School officials were also pleased to learn that 99 percent of students polled agreed that if they told a teacher or adult in the school building that a student was being bullied, they would do something to help. Demas called it a "comforting analysis."

Other questions Cohasset students scored particularly well on included "My teachers are proud of me when I work hard in school," "I feel safe at our school," and, "Teachers at this school

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accept me for who I am."

While the survey did expose some areas where the district can improve, such as students helping other students, Demas said she was proud of the results and hopes they will help the district as school officials look at school climates across the district.

"This was particularly important for us when we look at social-emotional learning and how our students feel about learning and being ready to learn emotionally."

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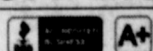
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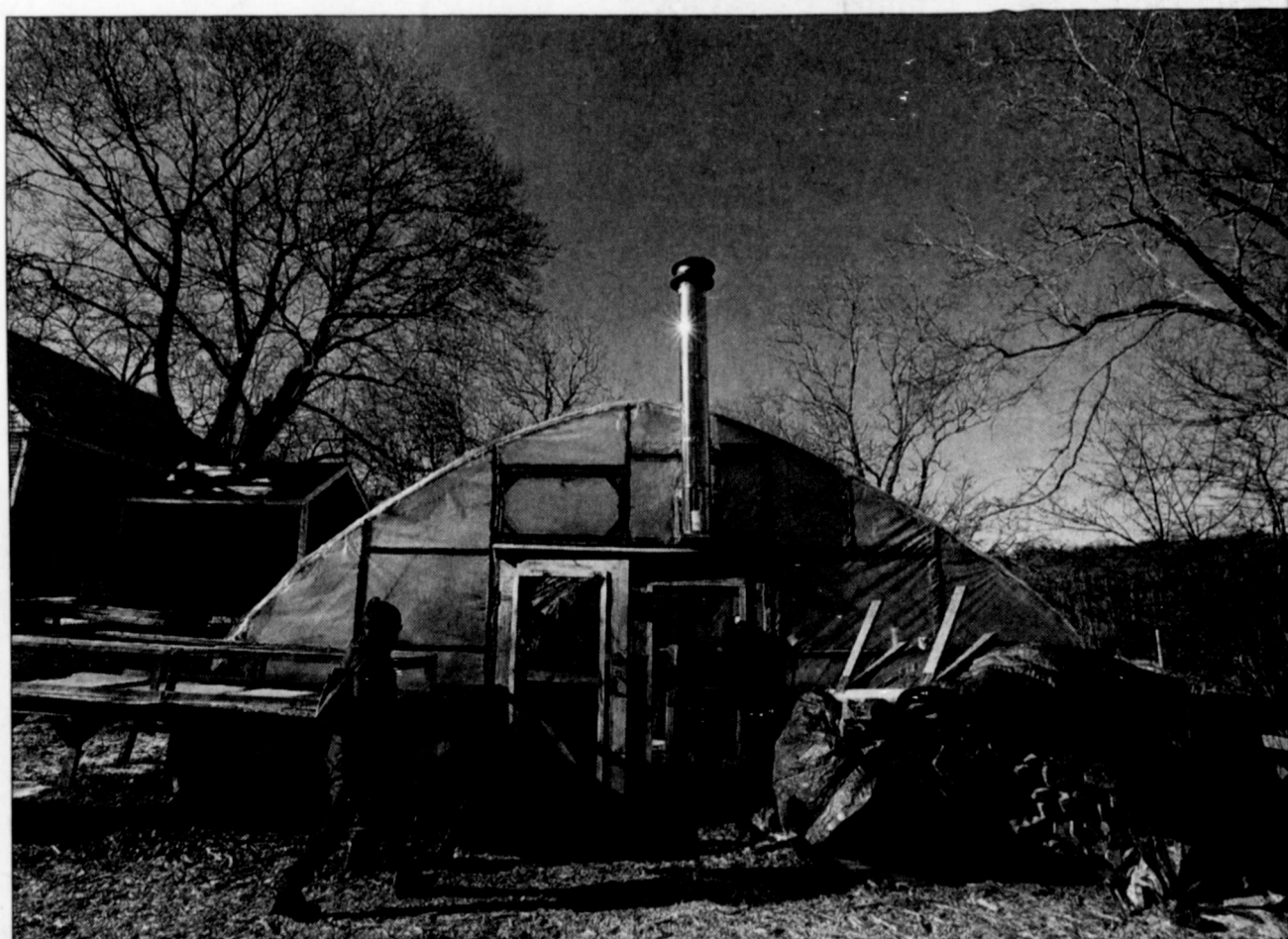
A customer picks out some carrots while shopping at the final farmstand of the season at Holly Hill Farm on Saturday, Dec. 16.



Farmer Mark Rutkowski grills pasture raised sausage from Brown Boar in Vermont which they sell at Holly Hill Farm.

Holly Hill farm stand

Staff photos by Robin Chan



A woman heads into the greenhouse to shop at the final farmstand of the season.



A customer picks up some baked goods from Geppetto's Confections while shopping.



R.J. Casey of Cohasset picks up some bread while getting food at the final farmstand of the season at Holly Hill Farm.

EAGLE

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when he was just 8 years old and a student at Deer Hill School after his father, Keith, encouraged him to join. In the seventh grade, Conforti's mother, Joyce, suggested he pick up rowing after trying a number of different sports to no avail.

Conforti said the Cohasset Maritime Institute quickly became his home and was the first organization that came to mind when he first began brainstorming for his Eagle Scout project.

"[CMI] felt like a home when I had nothing else because it was a sport I was actually able to pick up," he said. "I wanted to give back to CMI and CSCR (Center for Student Coastal Research). I wanted to help the community, but on a larger scale."

With the help of his designated Eagle Advisor, Phil Lehr, Conforti built a boat rack to benefit of both organizations. The structure, made of pressure-treated lumber, can hold up to eight boats and can accommodate several kinds of boats such as kayaks, canoes, single rowing boats, and double rowing boats.

Conforti said he and Lehr remained in constant contact for weeks on end as the two attempted to complete the project before Conforti departed for college on Aug. 18. With the help of Lehr and some of his brother's

friends, Conforti completed the project on Aug. 13, with just days to spare.

Although his favorite part of the project was finishing it, Conforti said he was proud when it came time to put the boat rack up at the CMI as more people came out to help him than he had anticipated.

"There are a lot of people out there that wanted to see me succeed -- possibly even more so than I wanted myself to succeed -- and that helped motivate me quite a bit and made me feel like I have a place in this town."

Conforti is now a freshman at Jefferson University in Philadelphia where he studies mechanical engineering. As an employee at Tech Services on campus, in addition to his engineering club and Ultimate Frisbee team memberships, Conforti has had to face his procrastination habit head on, but said his work on the project over the summer taught him how to better manage his time.

Many of his engineering projects, for instance, require a significant amount of coding, which in turn requires a substantial amount of time to be set aside to accommodate for any potential mistakes or glitches that may arise. Conforti said his Eagle Scout project made him more aware of this factor and has improved his time management skills significantly.

"I'm still working on finding a balance," he said, "but I definitely learned a lot."

WINTER

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(MassDOT) manages the plowing and treatment of Route 3A.

One of the first things the town does each winter is fill the salt shed located between the Recycling Transfer Facility entrance and the main DPW yard entrance, Joyce said. The town currently has roughly 400 tons of salt and sand stored in the shed and will restock from time to time as the winter goes along.

This will be the second year in a row a weak "La Nina" will affect the United States mainland, according to forecasters, meaning the below-normal surface temperatures of central Pacific Ocean waters will affect weather patterns across the country. This typically means shots of cold air for the Northeast and an emphasis on the northern jet stream, which usually leads to more frequent storms throughout the region.

But some forecasters disagree when it comes to predicting the 2017-18



Not everyone dreads winter weather. Kids skating on Meetinghouse Pond is a familiar sight in Cohasset when the temperature drops and snow flies. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO]

winter. The Farmer's Almanac is calling for a colder and "snowier-than-normal" winter in New England. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on the other hand, believes there will be average levels of precipitation this winter and that temperatures may be warmer than normal.

NOAA forecasters noted

that although temperatures during the 2016-17 winter were generally above average, the region still saw a good amount of substantial winter storms pass through.

No matter the conditions, forecasters agree this winter will be "fairly active."

In the meantime, Joyce urged residents to be wary of the weather and be safe during winter conditions.

Joyce said residents should remember that it is unlawful to blow or shovel snow on to Town roadways or sidewalks and encourages those who see something to report it to either the police or DPW immediately.

Also there is an overnight on-street parking ban in effect until mid-April. Violators could face a \$25 fine.

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AROUND TOWN

Christmas wishes to one and all



Jennifer Piepenbrink

Merry Christmas Cohasset. I want to take this time to wish everyone a very happy, blessed and what I hope will be a weekend that ends on Monday with a joyful day filled with all that you hope for it to be.

Whether you are spending the last few days before Christmas Eve buying gifts, rushing to get from parties, Open Houses, visiting Santa and his helpers before he heads back to the North Pole to get ready for his very busy night or, enjoying Christmas carols and Church Bells, services and mid-night masses too, I hope that it is all spent with family and friends.

I know that on Christmas morning, so many of you will be opening your eyes well before the sun rises as little toes hit the ground, eyes peek at those stockings and to look under the tree. Whatever your routines are, traditions that you may have had for years passed down and now, start with your own families, make sure to enjoy all of the smallest of moments.

The cute little giggles, the talks

between siblings as they think you are not listening, the finding of reindeer prints or cookie crumbs or, just those red little cheeks and snugly hugs...sometimes, they can be convinced to bring stockings into your bed to open, unwrap and enjoy all together for an hour or so. If you are REALLY lucky some breakfast, coffee or snacks before present time but whatever it is, capture it all before the magical moment is the amazing new memory! Life is so precious and made to enjoy with family, with friends and to experience.

For all who are struggling this year, have dealt with a loss, or are missing that special person around the tree, for all who are watching a loved one going through an illness or, just needing an extra hug, prayer or special message, please know that so many are thinking of you all. Reach out when needed and for everyone else who can, extend your love, give your kindness and offer some Christmas Cheer.

Thank you to those who helped give to the families in need for gifts. Delivering them is what it means when the phrase, "It Takes A Village" is used. Merry Christmas Cohasset... friends old and new! 1-4-3.

Wedding bells

Wedding Bells were ringing

and some very proud parents would like to share the news.

Richard & Mary Stanton Hynes of Clay Spring Road are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Matthew to Rebecca Hammer, daughter of James and Susan Hammer of Uxbridge. Both the bride and groom were previously staff members at Cohasset Yacht Club. The newlyweds will be living in Quincy. Congratulations and much love in your new life together.

Memories

DVD's of the 2017 CHS Powder Puff Football Game from November 21st are available to purchase for \$20 per DVD and make great holiday gifts. To order DVD copies please call **Shaun Galvin** at 781-424-2197 (cell) or email your request to galvin142shaun@hotmail.com. Requests can also be mailed with a check for \$20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043. Checks should be made payable to Shaun Galvin.

Library

Here is some news on a great event kicking off the New Year on Sat, January 6th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come visit The Discovery Dome, a portable planetarium, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. A quick discussion featuring

scientists, Katherine Johnson and Mae Jemison, will precede each show. Visit cohassetlibrary.org to register, see show times, titles and the recommended ages. This special event is brought to you by the Saturday Science team from the Hingham Library and is hosted by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset.

Charities

What a wonderful piece of news and Christmas Cheer. **John McNulty**, co-owner of Hingham Lumber Company, is pleased to announce that the 10th Annual Johnny Mac Classic Car Show proceeds have been shared by donating \$250 each to Wellspring, Cohasset Food Pantry, Norwell Food Pantry, Marshfield Food Pantry, Sons of the American Legion Post 118-Cohasset, Scituate Animal Shelter, Glastonbury Abbey, VFW Post 3169-Scituate and Scituate Community Christmas.

On Saturday, August 12th, classic and antique car enthusiasts from near and far gathered in Cohasset to display their prized possessions and celebrate with a backyard barbecue and entertainment provided by "Elvis."

John would like to thank his guests for their contributions toward these charitable organizations who provide much needed assistance for homeless

animals, people in need of assistance with holiday gifts and re-stocking their pantry shelves and most importantly, supporting our veterans during the holiday season.

Woodland Walk

Make sure to save the date for a New Year's Day Woodland Walk on Mon, Jan 1st, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Plan ahead for New Year's Day! Bundle up, bring family and friends and make new friends as we welcome 2018 with a woodland walk. Explore and discover the diversity of flora throughout the 130 acres of Holly Hill Farm's trails. Your choice of a family hike with Cindy Prentice for those who would like a faster paced guided walk or a stroll with Steve Ivas, who will tell you about nature's signs of winter in the woods. Then, enjoy some hot cocoa to warm you up after your hike! No need to pre-register, this is a free event held at Holly Hill Farm.

Well Cohasset, that is the news for now. Enjoy your Christmas to its fullest from parties, to Santa, Church services, sleigh bells, gifts, family and friends! Merry Christmas 1-4-3! EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

DOG TALES

Poncho is super tiny and so precious

My name is Poncho and I've been told more than once that I am extremely, ridiculously adorable. I'm a senior Chihuahua and I'm super tiny. Three pounds? I'm not sure -- I can't reach the scale.

I love to sit on laps or to be carried -- yup, I am one of those -- and I'm even kind of a 'hugger,' since I learned to curl my paws around to try to hold on.

I'd love to just hang with you all the time and I'm small enough that you might not notice, right?

Life has been a bit rough for me. I'm here because my owner died and no one would take me. I've been bounced around and abandoned. My teeth aren't the best, and I had an earlier injury to my hip or leg that went without medical attention (OK, life has been more than a little rough at times). But I'm very perky and I love to

go for long walks. I just walk on 3 legs when you want to speed up.

Everyone is surprised that I'm still here but I do have a couple of issues that you need to know. I don't like cats. I am pretty well house-trained, but I could use a top up in that department. I also get attached to my person really quickly and can be a little protective, but nothing the staff here can't tell you how to handle. I promise.

Will you take me home for the holidays -- and forever?

Interested? Email info@scituateanimalshelter.org or call 781-544-4533

(As told to Lisey Good of the Scituate Animal Shelter)

P.S. Are you a veteran or a senior pet owner who could use some help footing the bills for your pet's care? We can help you. Please email us if you would like more information.



Poncho is cute, cuddly and would love a forever home for the holidays. [COURTESY PHOTO BY RICH MCSWEENEY]

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GIMME SHELTER



Chester is as cute and friendly as he can be. He is looking for a forever family. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Chester is looking for a couch buddy

By Jamie Baranow

This week we have Chester strutting right into the spotlight.

He is a 2-year-old male and between his sweet temperament and his outgoing personality he is hard to overlook.

With his gorgeous bright orange and cream fur he is as cute and sweet as a Creamsicle.

Chester was found alone on the streets before he was brought to us although you'd never believe that based on his personality and appearance.

He has a shiny healthy coat, piercing green eyes, is gentle and sweet, and loves attention.

He is ready to have someone to love, a friend to keep company, or a couch buddy he can snuggle up and watch TV with. He is ready to go home; all he needs now is a family to open their

heart and home to him.

Could Chester be what's missing for you? The sidekick you've been thinking of?

You can learn more about Chester and the other cats and kittens that we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org, or by visiting us at 487 Nantasket Avenue in Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30-7:30pm, and Saturdays, 2-3 pm. If these times are not convenient for you, appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator at 781-534-4902.

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a no-kill cat shelter that relies solely on donations, grants and fundraisers. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can do so easily on our website or by mailing a check to HSAR, P.O. Box 787, Hull, MA 02045.

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We also have gorgeous hats, T-shirts, and calendars for sale, we participate in Amazon smile, and we gladly accept returnable can and bottle donations. For all the details on these offerings and for more information on all the different ways that you can help, visit us at www.hsar.org.

And to all of our volunteers, adopters, and supporters; thank you for helping us help them. Each and every bit of donations and support helps us care for and find loving forever homes for the wonderful cats that come to us. Thank you!

Jamie Baranow is a volunteer with Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.



The 5:30 service is a Choral Festal Eucharist, and will feature the Chancel Choir of St. Stephen's Church, accompanied by flutist David Whiteside. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Christmas Eve at St. Stephen's

Christmas Eve services for this year will be held at St. Stephen's Church at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The 3 o'clock service is designed with a Family Friendly atmosphere, where people with young children are welcome to come. The service will feature a reading designed for young persons to help bring the meaning of Christmas to light for them.

The 5:30 service is a Choral Festal Eucharist, and will feature the Chancel Choir of St. Stephen's Church, accompanied by flutist David Whiteside. Families are welcome at this service as well.

"Christmas is a special

season for children," says Father John McGinn, Interim Rector at St. Stephen's Parish. "Children are always welcome at any service in our church community, but we want to be sure that they are especially welcome during the Christmas season. Either one of our Christmas services will work well for families, but the 3 o'clock service is especially good for those with younger children, and is a welcoming environment for them as we celebrate Christ's birth once again."

The 5:30 service features a prelude a Service of Carols, presented by the Chancel

Choir. This prelude will start at 5 o'clock.

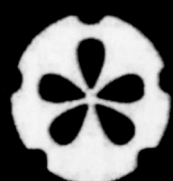
"We originally started the Service of Carols so that people would have something to do if they came to the service early to get a good seat, but we found that it was so popular that people started coming just to hear the choir sing the beautiful music of Christmas," said McGinn.

St. Stephen's Church is located on the Town Common in Cohasset, at 16 Highland Avenue. There is plenty of on street parking, and there is also parking available at the Town Hall Parking Lot. The church is Handicap Accessible.

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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

My letter to Santa

Dear Santa,
It has been many decades since I last wrote to you. Sorry. I wanted to thank you for that train set you left me in 1957. I wasn't so crazy about that shirt and corduroy pants you delivered the following year.

My mom said that you wanted to make sure I looked good when I went back to school in January.

I am not writing this year for myself but rather for my grandson, Jack. As you probably know he is only three years old. He's not sure about this "letter thing."

Why can't I just text Santa? I told him you don't have a smartphone.

Jack wanted me to remind you that he has been a good boy this year. He is wondering if you could arrange a ride on Thomas the Train. He would like to meet Percy and Toby also. He would like the PAW Patrol to come to town so he can play with Ryder. He thinks that his baby sister, Isabelle, has been good this year and you can bring her a gift also. He thinks she might enjoy a pickup truck!

Jack asked me what I wanted from Santa. I told him that you and the elves have your hands full keeping up with all the good boys and girls, but that I could use a better memory.

Santa, while you are out delivering with the reindeer could you bring some things to others? Here is my list:

Hope

- For the families whose lives have been devastated by fires and hurricanes this year,
- For the refugees and immigrants seeking peace and a better life
- For the poor, hungry and homeless who live day to day



Glenn Mangurian

Courage

- For those who suffer from abuse and domestic violence
- For those that are trapped by opioid addiction
- For those who struggle with debilitating health issues

Civility and Humility

- For our elected officials and public servants

Gratitude

- For the military soldiers and first responders

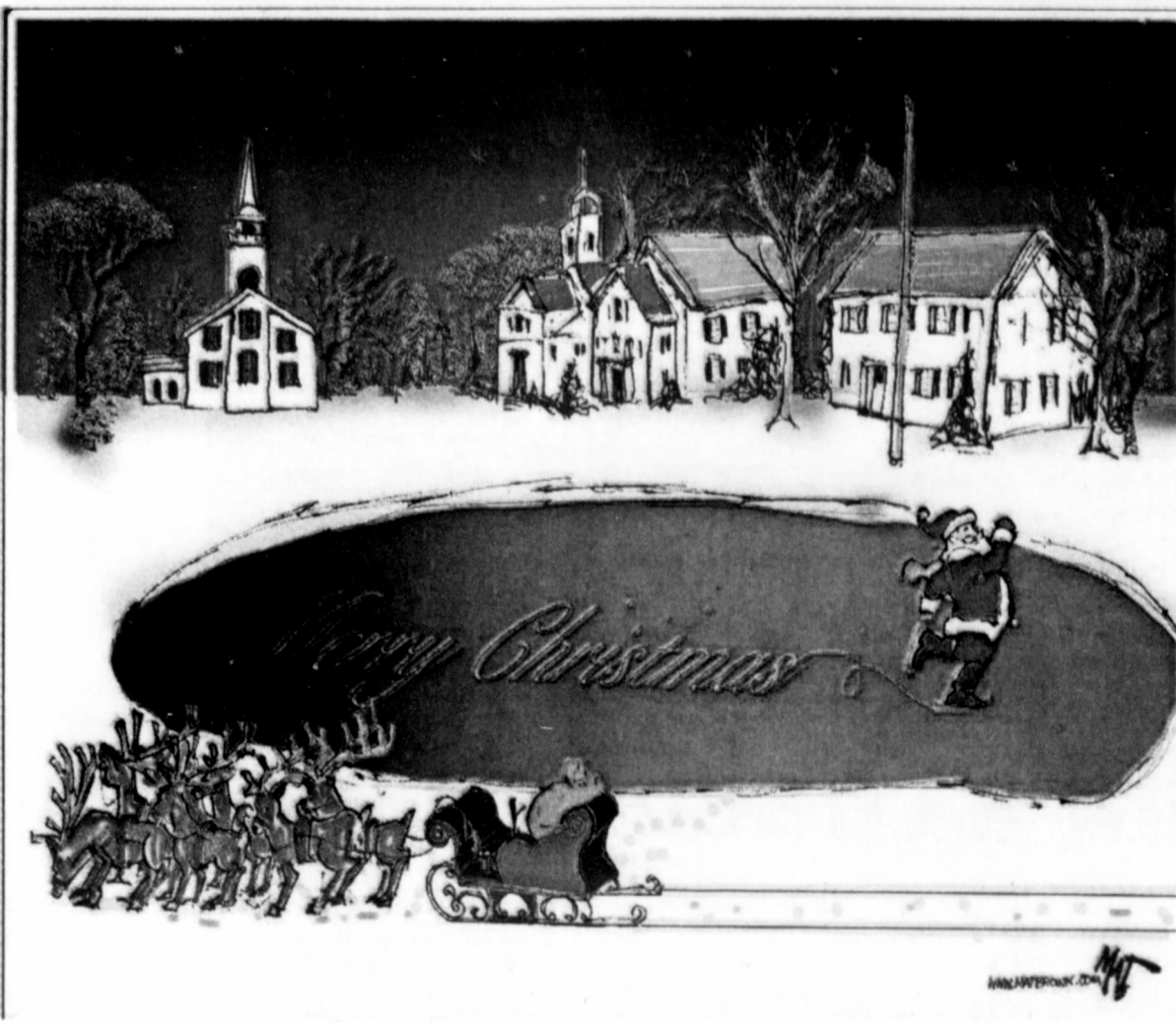
Curiosity, Wonder and Safety

- For all children
- I know throughout history you have been depicted as a kind red-suited man with white hair who loves children, comes in the night, and leaves gifts. The Christmas season is about peace, joy, giving, and caring for other people. Whether a believer or not, the spirit of Santa lives in the thoughts and the hearts of everyone who does something selfless for another person. I believe!
- Happy holidays to the Claus family,

Not so young any more,
Glenn Mangurian

Glenn Mangurian is a Hingham resident of 30 years. His recent book, *Pushing the Edge of Thought, Possibility, and Action*, is available on Amazon. He welcomes your comments and can be reached at glenn@glennmangurian.com

ANOTHER VIEW



LETTER

Real-life Grinch steals the Grinch & Snoopy

A little after 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night, I had just settled down for my long evening nap

When out on the lawn I heard such a clatter, I rose from my bed to see what was the matter.

Running away up the lane were the clomping of two sets of feet,

They hopped into an old dark minivan and whizzed past me up the street.

I immediately knew something was really quite wrong, Running downstairs I threw open the door and it didn't take me long

As I quickly realized that real life Grinches, had pillaged our lawn I just stood in dismay

Gone, taken, scooped up and stolen were two meaningful parts of our Christmas display Up Fair Oaks they took off in a flash, out into the night with our beloved ornaments,

I immediately called the Police, but soon my families empty hearts were facing torment

The Police came, they did what they could do, frustrated for us but everyone knew,

That the real life Grinches had most likely succeeded and in the process said poo poo to you Everyone please be on the lookout for a dark tired minivan driving around town,

The jokers surly know the area because our street

isn't easily found

So we say good bye to Santa Snoopy and the Grinch, they are no longer here

Two decorations for seasons have made many a child smile from ear to ear

Sadly my Christmas poem does not have a joyous or happy redemption refrain

However please stay tuned for Snoopy and Grinch will surely back to entertain

But in the meantime, whoever knows

Maybe there will be a bit of Christmas magic that shows.

John McSheffrey,
137 Fair Oaks Lane

GROWING ON THE FARM

A farmer's work is never done

The weather, so far, outside is not frightful. There is still time to plant garlic. Some folks think that this is the most wonderful time of the year. I do hear the singing, especially on certain radio stations and in places of commerce. But there is plenty of work to do while the crowds gather and ponder shopping and commerce.

Some of the big work in front of us at the farm is always there. The animals consistently need care. The chicken house can be cleaned more often than it is and it will be with the help of middle school students from the Chapman Farm School in Norwell. And the chicken yards too, while we are at it.

Fresh leaves, recently brought from raked and blown lawns at nearby homes. These leaves are good, especially as the pile of them begins to decompose. The decomposing pile is a good source of scratching material and maybe a worm or two. The chickens are not entirely vegetarian and do enjoy the search for what lies beneath.

The goats and the donkey can be walked and shown how to frolic beyond their fenced area of roaming. Pepper, the bunny, seems fine, remaining cute and wondering to herself where are the dandelion greens.

The tap-rooted stems will return for Jean to pick, when this brief winter passes or may be available as the earth warms.

And speaking of the earth, we could spend a whole bunch of time this season in persisting



JON BELBER

against the resistance of global warming. But that work happens daily, in small ways on our organic farm that teaches about sustainable practices and grows organic food, too. When thinking of the work that goes round and round and never ceases, even though the light is dwindling, we have work to do for the worms and the spinning globe.

Tuesday (Nov. 28), folks were encouraged across the country to give back to an organization through service and perhaps through funding as well. The mission of Giving Tuesday is simple, especially if people are preoccupied with buying and shopping on a Friday, a cyber Monday or locally on a Saturday. People work hard and like to shop for others or themselves.

And on Giving Tuesday, the shopping can be from a wallet or from the soul, with time and effort to help out. About 15 souls appeared at Holly Hill Farm on the 28th of November to help us add ingredients of coffee grounds and filters from Seabird coffee shop in Cohasset, Wellspring's rotting fruit and the daily manure from our horses, to then also sift compost and to add it to the farm to

food pantry garden beds, fearing that winter's winds could erode the precious soil in those beds and that the soil in those same beds gave so much to the plants that grew in 2017.

With many hands making the work light, we had time to bring more finished compost to the new greenhouse beds for growing winter spinach. The greenhouse likes compost it over to the greenhouse in Peck's Meadow field. In hopes of quadrupling our effort to incorporate more compost ingredients and make more usable compost, the generous financial donations that came in will allow us to build more efficient compost piles with air, circulation and faster results.

Now we can engage in some healthy growing, thanks to the compost and the giving people who helped to wheelbarrow it over to the greenhouse in Peck's Meadow field. In hopes of quadrupling our effort to incorporate more compost ingredients and make more usable compost, the generous financial donations that came in will allow us to build more efficient compost piles with air, circulation and faster results.

We can hum a holiday tune or listen to one of our farmers play drums in the farm house, while we continue to make good on our promise to keep working this season, keep diverting food waste, keep mucking and collecting what the animals give us and all the while never forgetting to persist in some good practices that benefit many, not just the 1 percent of worms, animals or people.

Jon Belber is education director at Holly Hill Farm. He can be reached by email at: jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

Sen. Patrick O'Connor to host office hours in Hingham

Sen. Patrick O'Connor will host office hours from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 28 at Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St.

Any resident with a question or an issue they would like to discuss is encouraged to attend.

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COMMENTARY

Teens need more sleep than the rest of us

By Adrienne Rowe

Disclaimer: I am a morning person. I wake up naturally and obscenely early, especially during the winter months. As a child, I missed every holiday TV special that aired at 8 p.m. or later. But I am an outlier, and this is not about me.

The majority of teenagers are decidedly not morning people. Not only do teens need more sleep than the rest of us (9.25 hours per our 7-8 per night), their biological clocks are programmed to stay up and wake up later. For adolescents, a daily schedule that starts at 7:30 a.m. puts an unnecessary barrier between them and a good and productive school day. The good news is that when we schedule activities to work with kids' circadian clocks rather than against them, the benefits are immediate and profound: kids are healthier, happier,

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and better able to learn.

Why haven't we adapted school start times yet? Like many policy matters, school scheduling is an exercise in tradeoffs and priorities. I suggest that we focus a critical eye on our collective priorities for kids and use them to schedule their daily lives. In my view, the only thing more important than our kids' physical and mental well-being is that they grow up to become decent, kind, and responsible human beings. Note that a sleep-deprived teen is unlikely to demonstrate any of those qualities.

Rationale #1: "It's always been this way. All those changes will be a nightmare."

Adapting school start times means a whole lot of logistical work. Activities that have run successfully on autopilot for decades will need to be adjusted. Most importantly, elementary schools likely need to swap places with secondary schools. It will not be a trivial task, and it may take time to get this right. But no good ever came from policy by inertia. I submit that the benefits are worth the effort.

Rationale #2: "What about after school activities?"

Extracurriculars are important. To some kids, after school activities are the life raft that gets them through adolescence. But there's a reason why we call them "extracurricular"; sports, clubs, and practices are not the main event, and they should be prioritized

accordingly. More to the point, everything that happens at 3 p.m. can happen at 4 p.m.

Rationale #3: "They need time after school for homework."

The ungodly amount of homework currently issued at all grade levels also needs a critical review, but I'll save that for another piece. A better rested kid absorbs more instruction during the school day and can apply learnings more quickly at home. Same homework, less time, better results.

Rationale #4: "I rely on my teenager to take care of his/her younger siblings after school. If start times are swapped, I will have no afternoon coverage."

Managing the hours when school is out but the workday is on is a major challenge, and there are no cheap and easy solutions. As one half of a two-working-parent household, I

feel this deeply. Working parents must have reliable before and after care coverage. But it can't be at the expense of older kids.

Rationale #5: "I started school early and I turned out just fine."

Yes... and our parents drove us around unbuckled in the way back of the station wagon while chain smoking in the front, but we've all agreed to do better.

The science of sleep in adolescents is well researched, and the recommendations are clear: let them sleep longer and later. Adjusted school start times in other communities show real benefits to health and academic performance, particularly among kids who are struggling. A research-based approach to school schedules aligns with the high standards Cohasset sets for performance and progress.

Adrienne Rowe is an early riser and the interested parent of a Cohasset High

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Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday. Library materials may be returned by using our 24 hour book drop. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Library Book Group: Join us



for coffee and discussion of the book "The Uncommon Reader" by Alan Bennett on Wednesday, December 27, at 10 am. All are welcome!

Computer Basics Workshop: If you want to learn how to use a computer, come to this free workshop on Thursday, January 4, at 10 a.m. led by Reference and Young Adult Librarian Mrs. Lengyel. Sign up with her by calling the library.

Friday Films at the Library: Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Snacks will be available. Call the library

for more movie information.

Sunday Author Talks: Mark Schneider will give a talk on his new book Gerry Studds: America's First Openly Gay Congressman on Sunday January 7, at 4 p.m. A book signing will follow the talk. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors and Goodale Insurance.

Author Talk: Richard Udden, author of 21 Months, 24 Days

will give a presentation called "The Choices We Make" on Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m. Mr. Udden will share some of his memories and photos from his time in the Vietnam war. His presentation is a story of acceptance and coping with the strain of war. It ends with ideas that have helped him replace innocent choices with informed ones and to remain calm under fire. All are welcome.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

Cohasset says good-bye to Steve 'from Atlantic Bagel'



John McSheffrey

As the old saying goes, all good things must come to an end, and for Cohasset the retirement of Atlantic Bagel's beloved Steve Malcolm is indeed an ending of what's been 15 years of a very very good thing.

Last Friday the front page of the Mariner had a wonderful tribute to the man that so many kids and parents have grown to love and appreciate. Linda Fechter so poignantly wrote Steve, whose last name isn't "from Atlantic Bagel", is as real as they come, and his kindness and sarcastic wit has been a treasure to so many.

While I've been in Atlantic Bagel enough to appreciate Steve's humor, and to understand how much he cares for the kids; I didn't feel qualified enough to write the proper homage to this local icon. But I did know who was; all of you. So last week I took to Facebook to ask you for you to share your thoughts, and to share salutations to Steve 'from Atlantic Bagel'.

Let me tell you; you guys responded in droves. Hundreds liked the initial request for comments, and the articles posted on the Cohasset Mariner and Cohasset 143 Facebook page, while dozens more chimed in with stories, memories, kudos and a bevy of well wishes.

Your words posted on Facebook paints wonderful picture of a wonderful man. Linda Fechter, who talked with Steve for her piece, wrote online, "It's what he would NOT allow me to tell in the article that makes him even more extraordinary than we all already know him to be. He's a quiet hero and a warrior. We're losing so much

more than a man who manages a bagel shop, that's for sure."

If I could break down all the comments in to two categories it'd be kindness & compassion, and T-shirts & sarcasm. You guys are both sincere and funny. So without further ado I present; Steve 'from Atlantic Bagel' in your own words.

- Anthony Graziano: I love him. Great attitude. Made my mornings talking to him. I'll miss him dearly. Luv ya Steve.

- Peggy Litchfield: Love Steve!!! Wishing him the best retirement EVAH!!!!

- Shawna Foley: Steve is the best. Puts a smile on my face every time I see him with his quick-witted sense of humor. I will miss him so, but thrilled he will get to spend more time with his grand babies.

- Rich Evans: He's a t-shirt model

- Susan Hobson: The infinite supply of snarky T-shirts. And one summer, he let my son (about 10 at the time) run a tab for the length of the season.

- Shelly Winnert Mahoney: The shirt that I remember the most of Steve's is, "I'm the man from Nan-tucket!" Good luck Steve!

- George Hayden: Every time - every single time, this man was so nice, always helpful, and reflected the best attitude possible. Enjoy retirement!

- Stephanie Segal Bennett: He is one of the kindest and most giving person I've ever met. He inspires me to be a better person.

- Michelle Loughlin: My favorite Steve memory: I've been going to "the bagel shop" since it was on 3A, so I've known Steve for quite some time. I would go multiple times a week when my kids were younger. One day we were leaving and my daughter (probably around 3) turned around, looked at Steve and said "Bye Dad!" We still joke about it 9 years later.

- Joanie McCormick Hosp: Best of luck to you, Steve! You will be missed!

- Deirdre Williams Riley: Going to miss you so much Steve!!!

- Kimberly Griffin Hansen: Thank you Steve! You will be missed!

- Rebecca Han Behenna: Steve is the best! Between his and Pete from the post office retiring, we're losing some of the nicest guys to ever service our community

- Fred Siegel Steve's tee shirt collection will be missed. Always good for a chuckle.

- Shannon M. King: Steve's awesome! Always friendly and talkative. He'll be missed.

- Ann Marie Bonomi Gal-lup: He is just simply the best a real person who will speak his mind, joke with you, and help whenever needed. He truly is one of a kind and I know we will all miss him and his smile. Oh yeah the T-shirts too!

- Maria Osborne: I think the reason why the bagels taste so good is because of Steve. We always look forward to seeing his smile, goofy laugh and funny t-shirts every week. Steve is what made Atlantic bagel so special. Not having him leaves a void in our morning routine. 143 STEVE

- Shawna Foley DiBona: He recognized when his familiar customers were having crappy days and tried to make them smile.

- Christina Flint Grossman: Thank you, Steve, for allowing my son when he was a toddler to walk behind the counter and help himself to a bagel right out of the bins. Alex inevitably picked a garlic bagel and Steve would exchange it for a plain one without missing a beat.

- Jennifer Sherbrooke Palmer: Good luck Steve. You deserve it.

- Victoria Kelley Grimes: You never can know the impact you have on others. And maybe through (this) column, Steve may get an idea of how he touched the lives of so many in this town. Whether it was a kind word and a smile for a child, or a bit of snark for the

adults, he made everyone's day a bit more special. I'll still go to Atlantic Bagel, my favorite coffee in town, but I'll sure miss him. But please don't tell Steve that! Don't want him to get a swelled head and all!

- Deborah Leckonby Thomas: Thank you Steve for everything!! My three kids have been brought up on Atlantic Bagel since they were babies! He knows their names, and always chats away with all of us. He will be missed but deserves some R&R and family time - Finally!!!

- Mark St Onge: His quick wit and sarcasm will be missed. A true gentleman.

- Patricia Gillis: When the boys were little it was our place to eat. They still come home from college and it is their first stop. It was always great to be greeted by Steve Good Luck Steve...you will be missed...

- Kari Schell O'Donnell: Steve for president!

- Jackie Plante Collari: He's THE BEST! We will all miss him! I really appreciate how awesome he is with the teens, in an era where they usually get a bad rap. No wonder they all love and respect him back!

- Paulette Reardon: When I would go there he was always nice to me, when it's busy all the time you know it a good place to eat I will miss seeing you Steve.

- Wendy Mazer: I love this man...always there to greet you with a smile. He will definitely be missed.

- Mary Fran Ransick Olson: We are kindred sarcastic souls, Steve would see me coming and have my coffee ready: Large, iced snickerdoodle. One time he handed me an extra-large.???"Because you look like you need it." He knows what is going on in everyone's lives - (and) he truly cares about us all.

- Catherine Davis: I will totally miss the man who knows my ice tea has to have the lemon on top. It will be a sad day for Cohasset.

- Carolyn Walker: He is a wonderful person! My son

Kenny spent a lot of time with Steve, Tanya and Brent many years ago. I will never forget his kindness and always be grateful. Beautiful story about a beautiful man. Enjoy your retirement Steve!

- Kandice DeBeau: THE BEST BAGEL PLACE EVER

- Gloria Coccia DiPaolo: Wishing you all the best Steve!

- Janeen Culhane: Love his Sarcasm!!!!

- Christina Flint Grossman: His tee shirts are awesome! He's so kind.

- Mel Curley Barrett: Hard to pick just one Steve story! Despite his attempt to seem snarky and annoyed, he truly cares about the kids in our town. When he asks how mine are, it's done in a way that makes me feel he genuinely cares about the answer (despite what his shirt might say!)

- Steve Jones: Steve doesn't have Facebook but anyone wanting to stay in touch with him are more than welcome to message me and I will relay your messages to him. Thanks everyone for your kind words. I know Steve will miss the bagel shop and the kids greatly!

There were literally dozens of other comments that I just didn't have space for. My apologies to anyone who shared their thoughts, and were not included here. All the other thoughts, and the names of everyone who sent their 'likes' can be read on the Facebook pages of the Cohasset Mariner and Cohasset 143. I thought it only appropriate that the last thought about Steve, come from his son and it's a note to all of you.

As always, thanks for reading and this time for helping tell a man, just a few days before Christmas what a gift he's been to our community.

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Fines, enforcement order in place for King St. property owner

By Abigail Adams
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A cease and desist order issued to 149 King Street owner Matthew Shannon will remain in place until further notice.

The Conservation Commission issued a fine of \$100 a day starting from the day work began on site in addition to an enforcement order requiring an official application for a Stormwater Permit. Fines will continue to be assessed "until such time the violation has been cured."

According to the Commission, Shannon began cutting down trees without the Town's permission on Dec. 1. Shannon said he had hired a private company to locate utilities located underground, leading them to cut down

a significant number of trees in the process.

Shannon's attorney, Richard Henderson, noted none of the trees removed have been "stumped" -- meaning the removal of roots and tree stumps from the soil has not been done -- and that siltation fences have been put in place to prevent erosion, although he does not believe the soil on site is loose.

Yet the number of trees cut to locate the utilities came as a major concern to some commissioners. Commission Chair Justin Pimpare said over 100 trees were removed from the site. Of those trees, commissioner Maryanne Wetherald said more than 40 of those trees were between 7 inches and three feet in diameter. The two commissioners felt that some

of the tree removal for the purposes stated by Shannon and his attorney was unnecessary.

"I have no idea why those trees way up in the top-hand corner would ever need to be removed in order to locate underground utilities," Pimpare said.

Commissioners were also concerned that Shannon had begun developing the land without applying for any permits beforehand. Henderson argued that planning for the proposed building could not begin until the utilities on site were identified. Some commissioners felt permits should have been applied for anyway.

"I don't know how anyone would not understand that going in and clear-cutting several acres of land on the side of Route 3A in

anticipation of building a strip mall wouldn't require some form of Town approval," said Pimpare.

Commission Vice Chair Jack Creighton agreed with Pimpare, adding that he felt Shannon should have been knowledgeable of the permitting process since he had appeared in front of the commission multiple times prior to the Dec. 14 commission meeting for a previous issue in Cohasset. Pimpare also acknowledged Shannon as a "repeat offender to the commission."

Henderson urged that Shannon did not understand that a Stormwater Permit was necessary for the work on King Street and that further discussion of Shannon's past with the commission was not appropriate for the hearing at hand.

Part of the enforcement order requires Shannon to install a "silt sock" or hay bales around the property by the close of business on Tuesday (Dec. 19) to further protect the property from erosion while the cease and desist order remains in place. Pimpare called the siltation fence currently in place a "useless mechanism" as it does not protect against all environmental factors such as high wind speeds.

Shannon is scheduled to appear in front of the commission to present his application for the Stormwater Permit on Feb. 1. He has until Tuesday, Jan. 16 to submit an application acceptable to the commission.

BRIEFLY

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Monday, December 25th,

and Monday, January 1st. It will re-open on Wednesday, December 27th, and Wednesday, January 3th. Any questions call 781-383-0273.

Christmas trees

Christmas trees may be brought to the DPW parking area beginning December

26th. Please remove all wires and decorations.

Wrapping paper

Wrapping paper may be placed in the newspaper/mixed paper bin.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2017 session through December 15.

The House has held 305 in 2017. We tabulate the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculate that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 305 roll calls. On quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

Only 65 (41 percent) of the House's 160 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The representative who missed the most roll calls is Rep. James Arciero (D-Westford) who missed 74, (75.7 percent attendance).

Also included in the top five worst records are Reps. Angelo Puppola (D-Springfield) who missed 70, (77.0 percent attendance); Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) who missed 69, (77.4 percent attendance); Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) who missed 68, (77.7 percent attendance); and Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow) who missed 66, (78.4 percent attendance).

Beacon Hill Roll Call requested a statement from those five representatives. Here are their responses.

Rep. James Arciero: Jeff Tucker from Arciero's office responded. "The representative's mother had terminal lung cancer and he spent some time with her at the end of her life. She lived in North Carolina, so [he] missed these roll calls."

Rep. Angelo Puppola: He did not respond to repeated requests for a statement.

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz: "The reason I missed those roll calls was it was the week I was on my honeymoon in Europe."

Rep. Alice Peisch: "I was unexpectedly hospitalized from September 18th to 28th during which time I had abdominal surgery. On September 27th, while I was in the hospital recovering from the surgery, the House voted on about 60 veto overrides. That was the only day that I was not present for a formal session this year. Had I been able to attend that day, my voting percentage this session would be in line with my high percentage in past sessions. I take my job as State Representative for the 14th Norfolk District very seriously and do not lightly miss votes, as is evidenced by the fact that I was present for all roll call votes on October 4th, less than a week after I was discharged from the hospital and still recuperating."

Rep. Brian Ashe: "Unfortunately the votes that I missed were all on one day. I was at a National Conference of State Legislatures working on cybersecurity issues facing the commonwealth and the entire country. I had committed to the conference months in advance and it was too late to cancel by the time I found out that we would be in session. I was disappointed that I had to miss any votes as I had only missed one formal session in the past nine years."

REPRESENTATIVES' 2017 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORD THROUGH DECEMBER 15

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the representative was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the representative missed.

Rep. Bruce Ayers	100 percent (0)
Rep. Thomas Calter	96.3 percent (11)
Rep. James Cantwell	100 percent (0)
Rep. Mark Cusack	99.3 percent (2)
Rep. Josh Cutler	100 percent (0)
Rep. David DeCoste	100 percent (0)
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	100 percent (0)
Rep. Geoff Diehl	100 percent (0)
Rep. William Driscoll	100 percent (0)
Rep. Michelle DuBois	100 percent (0)
Rep. William Galvin	78.6 percent (65)
Rep. Susan Gifford	100 percent (0)
Rep. Patricia Haddad	100 percent (0)
Rep. Randy Hunt	100 percent (0)
Rep. Louis Kafka	99.6 percent (1)
Rep. Ronald Mariano	97.3 percent (8)
Rep. Christopher Markey	98.3 percent (5)
Rep. Joan Meschino	97.3 percent (8)
Rep. Mathew Muratore	100 percent (0)
Rep. James Murphy	100 percent (0)
Rep. William Straus	100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ATTLEBORO'S REP. PAUL HEROUX VIOLATES SEVERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS - The Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) entered into an agreement with Rep. Paul Heroux of Attleboro to resolve issues concerning non-disclosure of campaign contributions, ac-

cepting prohibited contributions, poor recordkeeping and personal use of campaign funds in 2015 and 2016. Heroux was elected mayor of Attleboro in November and will resign his House seat when he begins his term as mayor. As part of the agreement, OCPF agreed not to refer Heroux or his committee to any other law enforcement agency, including the Office of the Attorney General, for the violations.

OCPF's review of Heroux's campaign finance reports found that Heroux did not keep adequate records of the bank records and campaign finance reports. Violations include failure to disclose \$2,737 in contributions; failure to disclose \$3,766 in expenditures, \$1,725 of which were transfers to Heroux's personal bank account; accepting \$235 in prohibited business contributions; a 2016 year-end report disclosing an ending balance of \$16,808 while the actual bank balance was \$13,780; and expenditures totaling approximately \$900, in which campaign funds were used for personal expenditures, and subsequent transfers were made from Heroux's personal account to the committee's account to reimburse the campaign. OCPF found that some of the personal use expenditures occurred at a time when Heroux's personal bank balance was minimal.

To resolve these matters, Heroux agreed to pay a civil disposition totaling \$2,500. He has made a personal payment of \$1,435 to the state's General Fund and has repaid his committee \$1,065 for the personal use of campaign funds.

As part of the agreement, Heroux and his campaign committee agreed to an enhanced reporting schedule for 2018 and 2019 -- two additional paper reports in 2018, and two additional paper reports in 2019. Paper reports are filed in addition to the regular reports that are e-filed. Heroux and his committee also agreed to provide OCPF with copies of its bank statements, expenditure checks, deposit tickets and contributor checks with each report through 2019; to cease making transfers between the committee's bank account and Heroux's personal bank account; to cease making personal expenditures from the committee account; and for Heroux and his committee treasurer to attend an OCPF educational seminar no later than February 28, 2018.

Here is Heroux's response, taken directly from the agreement:

"I'm very pleased to have worked with OCPF to resolve a discrepancy in my campaign account. When I noticed there was a difference between my bank account and my campaign account, I tried to reconcile the difference on my own. When it became clear to me that I could not find out what happened I requested an audit from OCPF, readily providing them with access to my campaign account and my personal checking account. I had nothing to hide.

It turns out that mistakes were made on my campaign account, which I am ultimately responsible for. The first mistake involves the manner in which I purchased work related items with my personal debit card and was intentionally reimbursing myself from my campaign account at a later date, which I did. However, I reimbursed myself using a wire transfer, but I later learned this is not permitted. It is technically a commingling of accounts.

Over the last 5 1/2 years I loaned my campaign account thousands of dollars. There were times when I would need to reimburse myself with the intention of redepositing money into my account in order to maintain a healthy balance. However, as it turns out, because of some inconsistent reporting between me and campaign volunteers, I thought I had a balance, or I should say campaign liabilities, that I was able to reimburse myself for. I withdrew funds and later redepositing them. Put another way, my thinking was that I had still had a balance of loaned campaign funds, when in fact I did not. The consequence of this was that I was borrowing from my campaign account, which was unintentional, but not permitted nonetheless.

There was an easy way to avoid all these errors and that is if I was in the depository system that other elected officials are in. I'm glad to have worked with OCPF. Mistakes were made with my campaign account, which I am responsible for. I don't expect to make these mistakes again in the future."

COUNTERFEIT AIRBAGS (H 4015) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would impose a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or up to \$5,000 fine on anyone who imports or sells counterfeit airbags in Massachusetts. Over the past few years, thousands of counterfeit airbags have made their way into the Bay State through purchases and sales on the Internet.

"I filed this bill to protect Massachusetts drivers from being injured and killed when counterfeit airbags fail to deploy properly," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg).

THE REGISTRY MAKES DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL EASIER - The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended the length of time a driver's photo is valid on his or her license from nine years to 14 years. Bay State driver's licenses are valid for five years. That means customers can now renew their license online three times (once every five years) before they must go to a Registry office to have a new picture taken. Under the prior 9-year system, drivers could renew their license online only twice before being required to have a new photo taken.

"The Registry is pleased to offer these helpful enhancements to service

options that are currently available to our customers," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney. "We encourage customers to conveniently renew their driver's license or Massachusetts ID card online if they are eligible to do so, saving a trip to a service center."

The Registry projects that the new regulation will result on an estimated 360,000 additional renewal transactions to be processed online annually and will substantially decrease the number of customers who must visit a Registry office and make in-person transactions faster and more efficient for customers who do need to visit an office.

SENATE CANCELS HOLIDAY PARTY - Acting Senate President Hargett Chandler (D-Worcester) has canceled the annual holiday party for senators and their staffs. Chandler's office told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "There will be no Senate holiday party this year. After speaking with her leadership team, the Acting Senate president made the determination that a holiday party would not be appropriate."

Chandler's decision was made as a result of the current situation in which she has temporarily replaced former Senate President Stan Rosenberg who stepped down from the post pending an investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee into allegations in the Boston Globe that Rosenberg's husband, Bryon Hefner, groped three men and kissed another one against his will. The Globe story also included claims that Hefner has said he speaks for Rosenberg and talks about Senate business with legislators and their staffs.

The Senate Ethics Committee is beginning an investigation of the sexual assault charges against Hefner, whether Rosenberg violated any rules of the Senate and if Hefner did have any influence over what happens in the Senate.

NUCLEAR, LEAD AND TOXIC CHEMICALS - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

PREPARE FOR NUCLEAR DISASTERS (H 1131) - Increases from 10 miles to 20 miles the radius around a nuclear power plant in which the state's Department of Public Health is required to conduct environmental monitoring. Another provision provides for the stockpiling of thyroid-blocking agents for use by cities and towns within the expanded radius.

"[This bill] updates emergency preparedness requirements to better comport to the experience of nuclear disasters around the world," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Jim Cantwell (D-Marshfield). "We've learned from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster that high levels of radiation impacts were detected in an area well over 20 to 25 miles, and that residents were encouraged to vacate an area of 50 miles from the nuclear plant following the initial meltdown ... These measures will provide better protection to citizens in the event of a reactor event."

DISCLOSE LEAD IN PIPES (S 2224) - Requires owners of property for sale to disclose any information they have on whether there is lead in the water pipes.

Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the sponsor of the proposal, said, "I'm pleased to sponsor this impactful legislation as increased disclosure helps to reduce lead exposure by raising awareness of hazards so people can take action to reduce risk; helping renters and homeowners make more informed decisions; and creating market incentives to replace potentially harmful pipes."

DISCLOSE TOXIC CHEMICALS (S 1191) - This bill would require manufacturers who make children's consumer products that are for sale in the Bay State to notify the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in writing if the products contain toxic chemicals at certain levels.

"Studies have repeatedly shown that a variety of toxic chemicals we come in contact with every day are linked to chronic diseases and disorders," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington). "This bill would aid in protecting the health of our children by requiring certain manufacturers to disclose the toxic chemicals in their products. It's time we made serious efforts to reduce the use of toxic chemicals in children's products by urging manufacturers to use safer alternatives."

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 11-15, the House met for a total of 55 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 49 minutes.

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SCHOOL

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Prevention have recommended later start times for older students.

Cohasset Public Schools is one of many districts across the South Shore that has yet to implement changes to their school start times since the trend began over a decade ago. While Demas agreed that much of the research used to back up the change in other districts is valid, the issue in Cohasset -- and in most other districts -- largely revolves around logistics.

"It is like peeling an onion," said Demas. "There are so many layers to consider when discussing this subject."

Not only would bus routes in Cohasset likely be affected drastically by altering school start times throughout the district, but other concerns such as effects on the traffic pattern and student safety at early morning bus stops have also been cited as potential issues.

Additionally, numerous contracts would have to be renegotiated to accommodate the changes, according to Demas.

Often times, communities considering the change are also concerned about things such as the effect it may have on parents' work schedules and student athletics, among other concerns.

Hingham was one of the first school districts to implement changes to their school start times from 7:20 a.m. to 8 a.m. back in 2003. New Hingham High School Principal Rick Swanson, who is in his 11th year with the school, said changing their start time to 8 a.m. has been "overwhelmingly successful" and is "widely accepted" throughout the community.

"I think [changing school start times] makes a lot of sense," said Swanson. "If anything, we should be starting a little later than we are now."

Duxbury Public Schools followed suit in 2009, changing their high school start times from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

In 2016, Hanover Public Schools changed their high school start time from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. Now in its second year, Hanover Superintendent Matthew Ferron said the impact on students is already tangible with little push-back from the community.

"It has been very successful," said Ferron. "We've

had fewer tardies, fewer discipline problems in the morning, and we really have a good feeling about it."

Scituate Public Schools also recently implemented changes to their middle and high school start times. As an added bonus each Wednesday, students at the high school are given an extra hour in the morning before school starts while eliminating half days at the school.

In Pembroke, school officials decided to take a different approach to the subject, adding time to both ends of the day instead of simply pushing back start times. School officials said the change was made to give teachers more time with students during the day.

At Pembroke High School, for instance, the current school day schedule runs from 7:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. Last year, classes at the high school began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 1:58 p.m.

But in Cohasset, logistics are what stand in the way of school officials making changes to their district's school start times. Although an active parent group has been pushing for changes to be made in Cohasset, Demas said the timing for Cohasset is not right at the moment.

"For us, and for every district, it is a logistical decision," said Demas.

Swanson of Hingham High noted that while there will likely be some transition issues along the way, the change has ultimately had a positive impact in his community and encourages other districts to make the switch.

"We will do whatever we can to promote the health and wellness of our students and optimize their learning," said Swanson.

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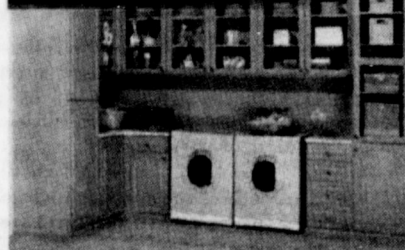
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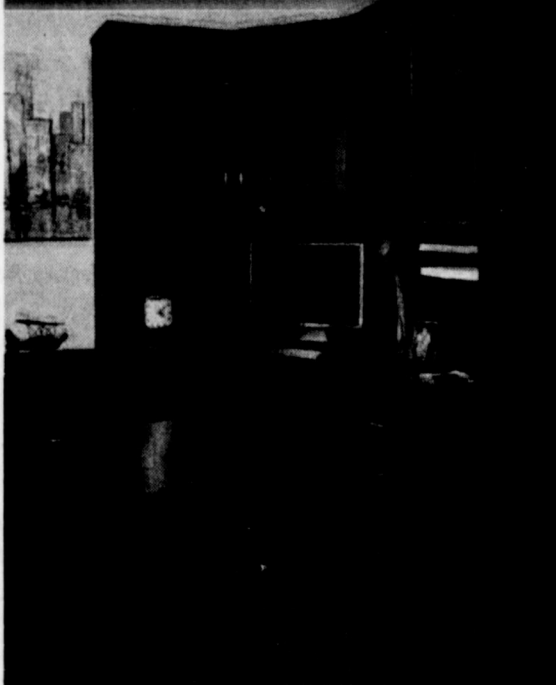
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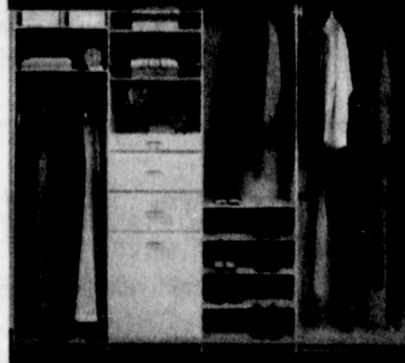
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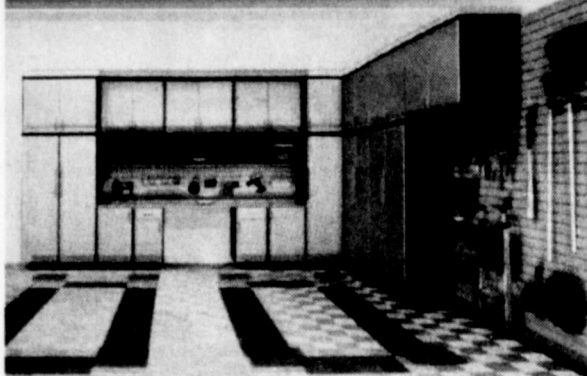
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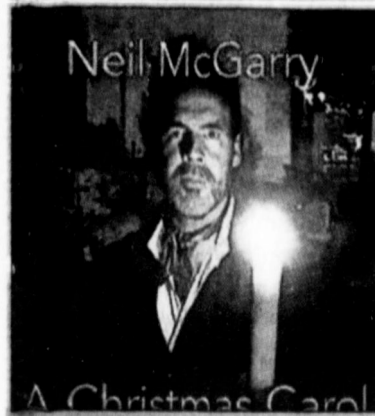
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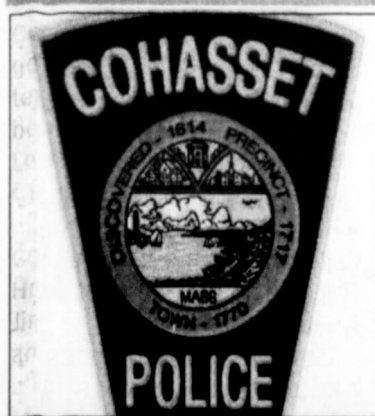
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The Scituate High School Boys Basketball Boosters presents ... a Co-Ed Holiday Basketball Clinic with 2008 NBA Champion Boston Celtic and NBC Sports Boston Analyst - Brian Scalabrine, Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Scituate High School Large Gym. Check in is 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the clinic for grades 2-8 is at 12 p.m. Brian Scalabrine appearance at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information and a registration form/waiver, contact Robyn Sullivan, rksullivan@yahoo.com. All proceeds to benefit the SHS Boys Basketball Team.

SSL ALL-STARS Field Hockey

Congratulations to Cohasset's Elle Hansen, Lauren Cunniff, Maddie Donovan, Emma Stephens, Margaret Norton, Olivia Coveney and Halle Pratt for being named South Shore League All-Stars. Elle Hansen was also named the SSL Player of the Year.

Golf
Congratulations to Cohasset golfers Mity Hill, Jack Fechter, and Tommy Carrabes for being named South Shore League All-Stars.

Cross Country
Congratulations to Cohasset/Hull cross country runners Jimmy Grech, Ian Turpel, and Toey Vater, along with Elise Wimberly and Hannah Matthey for being named South Shore League cross country All-Stars.

Football

Congratulations to Jack Mahoney, Noah Frolo, Will Thomas, Jackson Fitzgerald, Cal Osten on being named South Shore League All-Stars

Youth movement

Boys hockey excited about upcoming young talent

By William Wassersug
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Alexander Graham Bell's famous quote, "When one door closes another door opens," is the opportunity-centric theme for Cohasset boys head hockey coach Phil Mahoney and the 2017-2018 Skippers hockey team.

Gone are 11 significant players from last year's squad to include South Shore League Player of the Year Michael Cohen and two-time South Shore League All Stars Jimmy Farren and Aidan McHugh.

"Graduation and attrition took a heavy toll on us and we lost almost 80 percent of our goal production from last year," Mahoney said. "With only three seniors, we will be forced to lean on a smaller group of impact players and our room for error will be minimal. Our focus will be to play simple, aggressive, smart hockey as the younger players learn our systems and get comfortable with

the varsity level. It's a great time to be a young player in our program with several positions and critical roles up for grabs."

The team will be led by senior captains Kyle Ferreira, Michael Legge, and Ryan Losordo as well as junior Captain Matt Lund.

"This team will only go as far as our leaders take us and I have been impressed by this group's focus, attitude, and effort," Mahoney said. "Hockey is an off-campus sport and by far, the hardest to coordinate from a Captain's perspective. I am relying on this group to keep the team squared away and moving in the right direction."

Offensively, the Skippers will look to their top unit of Kyle Ferreira, Ryan Losordo, and Matt Lund to produce on a consistent basis.

"Our first line is extremely talented and can skate with any combination in the league," Mahoney said. "I expect them to be dominant and impactful at both ends of the ice."

See YOUTH, B3



Cohasset's Jack Fitz was the Skippers Player of the Game and got to wear the hard hat after their 1-1 tie with Hull/Middleboro Saturday Dec. 16. [COURTESY PHOTO/COHASSET SPORTS]

Winning beginning



Cohasset's Sam Lelio takes a shot during the Skippers' 60-42 win over Southeastern Regional Friday Dec. 15. He had 14 points in the win. Lelio had a huge night against Hull Tuesday Dec. 19, scoring a game-high 20 points. [COURTESY PHOTO/DAN LEAHY]

Boys basketball wins first three games

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys basketball team was faced with an early challenge - playing without star Chase Bomeisler, and in the very early part of the season the Skippers have found a way to compensate, winning their first three games handily.

As the season started, coach Bo Ruggiero said his team needed a few of his players to take another

step forward, especially on the scoring end.

In those first three games, those players have stepped up.

Senior co-captain Sam Lelio, who averaged seven points per game, has had a couple of big outings, scoring 14 points in a 60-42 win over Southeastern Regional Friday Dec. 15, while following that with a 20-point night in a 68-51 road victory over Hull Tuesday Dec. 19 that improved Cohasset to 3-0 on the young season.

Another player called on to pick things up was South Shore

League All-Star Thatcher Stone.

Stone has also picked up his scoring, dropping a team-high 30 points in the win over Southeastern Regional, 11 in a 66-31 opening night win over Sturgis and 18 more in the win over Hull.

Cohasset was scheduled to travel to Carver Thursday Dec. 21 (result unavailable at press time) and heads to Bourne Wednesday Dec. 27.

They'll follow that game with a home game against basketball power New Bedford Saturday Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Edged

Girls hockey edged by Norwell 1-0

By Jay N. Miller

Two fundamentally sound teams playing good positional hockey doesn't necessarily make for a lot of offensive fireworks. That was the case Wednesday afternoon at The Bog, where the Norwell High girls edged Cohasset/Hanover, 1-0, in a tight-checking, defensive game.

Both teams had their moments of superior puck control, but serious scoring opportunities were hard to find, and defensemen on both sides blocked more than their fair share of shots.

In the final unofficial tally, Norwell outshot their guests 19-18, and both Norwell junior goaltender Chloe Hohmann and freshman Cohasset/Hanover netminder Anna Tedeschi came up with a handful of clutch saves.

The game's only score came at 4:03 of the middle period, seconds after Cohasset/Hanover freshman Kaitlyn MacDonald had been robbed on a close bid by Hohmann at the other end. The Clippers staged a quick breakout after sophomore Casey Messina won the faceoff, and classmate Casey Ward came flying down the middle of the ice. Approaching the net, Ward deked to the right, and then tucked the puck neatly inside the left post.

Cohasset/Hanover's best period was probably the final frame, when the Skippers (1-2-1, 1-1-1 SEMGHL) kept Norwell (2-1, 1-0) pinned in its own end for long stretches, despite taking a penalty early on.

During a brief Cohasset/Hanover power play in the seventh minute, sophomore Olivia Hussey got free deep in the slot, but her shot went just wide.

With about a minute to play, freshman Lauren Farren secured the puck along the boards behind the net, and then darted out in front before Norwell could react, firing a

See EDGED, B3

Twice the fun

Girls basketball wins first two games

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset High School girls basketball team is off to a solid start to the season, winning its first two games handily.

The Skippers beat Whitinsville Christian 50-20 in the season opener and followed with a 47-33 win over Hull Tuesday Dec. 19.

Seniors Elle Hansen (12 points) and Lauren Cunniff

(11 points) led the host Skippers to the win in their South Shore League opener.

In the season opener, Molly Greer had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the way, and Deveney Curry added 11 points.

Before the Hull game, the Skippers honored the 2017 Div. 2 State Championship girls lacrosse team with a ceremony.

Cohasset was set to host Carver Thursday Dec. 21 (result unavailable at press time) and are at Nantucket Saturday Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.

Still rolling

Wrestlers beat Hanover/Norwell, improve to 5-0

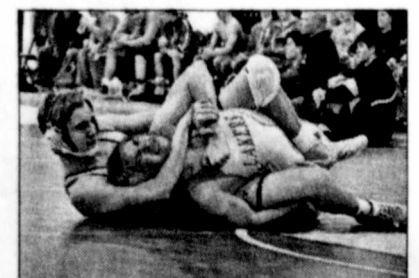
By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset wrestling team is out to a fantastic start to the season, improving its record to 5-0 with a 29-23 win over Hanover Wednesday Dec. 20.

The Skippers have had outstanding performances from a number of wrestlers.

Senior captain Mike Nolan (152) improved to 8-0 for the season, while senior captain Grant Guempe (160) is 6-0 in the early going.

Senior captain David Burke



Cohasset's David Burke won his match against Silver Lake Saturday Dec. 16 at Cohasset High School. [COURTESY PHOTO/COHASSET WRESTLING]

(170) checks in at 6-2 and junior Lado Tserlov (145) is 7-0 after the Hanover match.

Danny Nolan has worked his way to a 5-1 record at 132 and both Turner Martell and Kevin Perrone

See WRESTLING, B3

Fab Four week 2

Surprises aplenty at start of season

By Chris McDaniel
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Although the start of the high school basketball season has gone according to plan for the most part through the first weeks of the season, several teams have been early surprises.

The Weymouth boys are off to a 3-0 start after winning just six games all last season. The Wildcats brouth5 back a lot of talent from last year's team, which often played tough against some of the better teams in the state.

The Cohasset boys are off to a 2-0 start despite the loss of Chase Bomeisler, who averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds per game last season and is out for the year with an injury.

The Hanover girls have won their first two games and despite graduating some of the state's best players in recent years, these Indians just have winning in their DNA.

The Silver Lake girls finished last year with just five wins, but are off to a 2-1 start this year. That loss was a three-point defeat against Whitman-Hanson, one of the tougher teams around.

Last week's ranking and record as of Sunday in parenthesis.

Boys

1 Hanover (4-0, 1) - The Indians have picked up right where they left off last season. Hanover had three double-digit victories last week. On Thursday, Hanover will play at Whitman-Hanson (6:30 p.m.), a game that features two of the best teams in Division 2 South.

2 Scituate (3-0, 2) - The Sailors are off to a nice start this fall with blowout wins over Archbishop Williams and Pembroke and a solid road win at Hingham. Scituate's next five games are against some tough competition. The Sailors look like they'll be Hanover's biggest challenge this fall in the league. Those teams will meet for the first time on

Jan. 9 at HHS.

3 Cohasset (2-0, 3) - Even without Bomeisler, the Skippers are off to a 2-0 start with two lopsided wins. Cohasset's upcoming schedule is road-heavy with seven of the next 10 away from home.

4 Weymouth (3-0, NR) - Through three games, the Wildcats are already halfway to their win total from all of last season. The schedule will pick up for Weymouth, starting with Needham on Tuesday night.

On the bubble: Rockland (0-1), Braintree (1-1)

Girls

1 Rockland (2-0, 2) - The Bulldogs opened the year with a nice win over Scituate. Rockland has only allowed 37 points in two games.

2 Braintree (0-1, 1) - The Wamps fell in their season opener to Springfield Central in a rematch of last year's Division 1 state final. Braintree deserves credit for scheduling one of the toughest non-league slates year in and year out.

3 Hanover (2-0, NR) - Don't overlook the Indians. Hanover opened the year with a pair of league wins. Many have written this team off after graduating three players now playing collegiately in recent years, but this is a program that just knows how to win.

4 Norwell (1-0, 4) - The Clippers took care of business with a 48-24 win over Scituate on Dec. 14. Tuesday's game against East Bridgewater could have future league title implications. The South Shore League Sullivan Division title race looks to be a three-horse race between Rockland, EB and Norwell.

On the bubble: Cohasset (1-0), Silver Lake (2-1)

Players of the week

Boys

Jack Poirier, Soph., Scituate: The captain scored a game-high 24 points in a 62-55 win over Hingham on Dec. 12.
Matt Delahunt, Sr., Hanover: Delaunt had a pair of double-doubles in wins last week. Delahunt finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds in a 67-54 win over

Plymouth North on Dec. 12. On Dec. 13, the senior finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds in a 71-37 win over East Bridgewater. He finished his week with a 22-point, six-rebound game in a 75-51 win over Plymouth South on Friday.

Thatcher Stone, Jr., Cohasset: Stone scored half of his team points (30) in a 60-42 win over Southeastern on Friday.

A.J. Conn, Sr., Marshfield: Conn scored 22 points while draining five 3-pointers during a 66-64 loss to Brockton on Sunday.

Bryson Andrews, Jr., Abington: Andrews scored 25 points in a 70-45 win over South Shore Christian Academy on Dec. 12.

Girls

Janey Devlin, Jr., Hanover: Devlin dropped in 27 points, including shooting 8-for-8 from the free throw line, during a 52-43 win over Plymouth North on Dec. 12.

Ryley Biasetti, Soph., Hingham: During Friday's 47-32 loss to Quincy, Biasetti finished with half of the Harborwomen's points.

Annabelle Lamard, Sr., Fontbonne: The Scituate native netted her 1,000th career point in a 61-45 win over Marshfield on Friday. She finished the win with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Courtney McCabe, Sr., Abington: McCabe led a balanced Green Wave scoring effort with 16 points in a 60-40 win over Notre Dame Academy on Dec. 12.

Annabelle Boudreau, Sr., Silver Lake: The guard hit a 3-pointer, which turned out to be the winning bucket, in the final two minutes of a 51-49 win over Pembroke on Dec. 12.

The Fab Four Basketball Power Rankings are decided with the help of several factors: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams and margin of victory. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth. Send nominations for players of the week to cmcdaniel@wickedlocal.com or reach him on Twitter @ChrisMcDaniel88.

Sportswriter Ducharme gets 'Hall Call' from Cranberry League

'There is no better historian for the league than Mark'

By AJ Spirito
Correspondent

The sports pages are filled with stories about local athletes or teams.

It's rare to see the person writing those stories highlighted on those same pages, but this is one of those rare times.

Longtime sportswriter Mark Ducharme was recently inducted into the Cranberry Baseball League Hall of Fame.

Ducharme covered the league for both The Enterprise (from 1983-2011) and the Mariner newspapers (1999-present). He's even covered the summer amateur baseball league during his time with Weymouth cable starting in 1982. Covering the league so well for that length of time is what earned him a spot in the league's hall of fame.

Ducharme has had a passion for sports since he was very young and that passion led to the job of sports correspondent in 1983 with The Enterprise.

"The late Frank Stoddard asked me if I wanted to be a sports correspondent, my first Brockton Enterprise assignment was one of the games in the Cranberry League championship series between the Easton Huskies and Brockton Tigers, I liked getting the assignment to cover those games," Ducharme said.

He loves all sports, but baseball is his favorite to watch and report on.

"I love sports and what better way to be around it than covering it," said Ducharme.

There's baseball and then there's the Cranberry League. Baseball in the Cranberry League is special and it has to do with everyone involved according to Ducharme.

"It's a lot of fun covering the games. Between the people and the teams, they make the league special and they're the reason why the league is still going strong after 60 years," Ducharme said of the people around the league.

One of those people is Joe Paolucci, commissioner of the

Cranberry Baseball League. Paolucci has known Ducharme for over 30 years and thinks very highly of the longtime writer.

"Mark is most definitely a unique guy," said Paolucci. "His ability to recall certain games or players that played long ago is uncanny. Another thing that really impresses me about Mark, and something that I have always appreciated, is his professionalism. He does an outstanding job at telling the story of the game. He has done so much for not only the CBL but for a lot of athletes on the South Shore in making sure they get the positive publicity that they deserve. His reporting has really helped build our league to what it is today."

Thirty-plus years of writing later and Ducharme is now there in the Cranberry League Hall of Fame next to the great players and coaches he reported on. Being inducted actually came as a shock for the legendary sports writer.

"I was surprised by it, honestly I was not sure if I was worthy of it," said Ducharme. "It started to feel special the day or two before the ceremony. I got a note from a player on the 1986 Elks, Joe Clancy. I was flattered by the note and the number of people that congratulated me at the ceremonies, it made the night very special."

Paolucci said Ducharme's humbleness is exactly why he's in the hall of fame.

"There is no better historian for the league than Mark," said Paolucci. "Mark was a unanimous selection to the hall of fame this year. Our committee is made up of current hall of famers and when presented with Mark's name on the ballot it was a no-brainer. His selection was something we should have done years ago."

For upcoming journalists, Ducharme is someone that can be looked at and learned from.

"The late Bud Collins of the Boston Globe might have said it best, 'read a lot,'" said Ducharme offering a piece of advice. "The more you read, the more you learn. It helps with your writing because you have a better understanding of what you are reporting."

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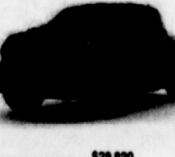
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SciCoh Sharks 8th Graders celebrate season

Team gives awards at Year End Banquet

The Eighth Grade SciCoh Sharks held their Year End Banquet and Awards Night at the Atlantica Restaurant on November 19, 2017. On the season, The Eighth Grade Blue Sharks (Varsity Team) were undefeated (10-0) and the Old Colony Youth Football League (OCYFL) Super Bowl Champions.

The White Sharks (Junior Varsity Team) were undefeated (9-0) and North River Cup Champions, with 7-6 victory over the Marshfield Rams. A perfect 19-0 for the 8th Grade Program!

The following Sharks players were selected for the OCYFL's North All Star Team: Billy Bernier, Andrew Bossey, Mike Donahue, Shea Morley, Lucas Najjar, Tom Quinn, Keegan Sullivan and Tom Svensen.

John Kinsley, Kyle Latwas and Josh Burke were

Honorable Mention.

The Sharks gave out the following Year End Awards at the banquet:

The Blue Sharks (Varsity Team) Team MVP: Keegan Sullivan

Offensive Player of Year: Andrew Bossey

Defensive Player of Year: Shea Morley

Offensive Lineman of Year: Tom Quinn and Tom Svensen

Defensive Lineman of Year: Lucas Najjar

Special Teams Player of Year: Mike Shesky

Comeback Player of Year: Mike Donahue

Rookie of Year: Jake Mullahy

Most Improved Player: Brendan Dalicandro & Chris Sullivan

Unsung Hero Award: Jack Thompson & Billy Bernier

Leadership Award: John Kinsley

Team Wide Awards:

James McInnis Award for Sportsmanship: Shea Morley and Nick Tierney

Coaches Choice Award: Kyle Latwas

Empty Bucket (Effort) Award: Peter Sullivan

Team Hammer Award: Keegan Sullivan

The White Sharks (Junior Varsity Team) Team MVP: David Stanley

Offensive Player of Year: Frankie Agostino

Defensive Player of Year: Marcus Mauceri

Offensive Lineman of Year: Sean Norton

Defensive Lineman of Year: Danny Thompson

Special Teams Player of Year: Gus Granata

Comeback Player of Year: Brendan Cingari

Rookie of the Year: Mike Shesky

Most Improved Player: Andrey Sweet

Unsung Hero Award: Jackie Lyons

Leadership Award: Christian Pitten



SciCoh eighth grade coach Steve Svensen and players enjoy the championship trophy after winning the OCYFL Super Bowl. The team recently held its End of the Year banquet at Atlantica Restaurant. [COURTESY PHOTO]

South Coastal Hockey League roundup

Through Dec. 17

By Mark Ducharme

The Stingers and the Toros both showed their scoring balance in winning their South Coastal Hockey League semifinal play-off games to reach the Fall

Season finals.

The final between the Stingers and the Toros who split their two games will be played on Dec. 31 at the Hobomock Arena at 6:30 p.m.

The Stingers had six different goal scorers led by Hingham's Mark Hallal who

had a goal and two assists to lead them to a 6-1 win over the Sharks in the semifinals.

Jim Callahan, Peter Tamborella and Scott Kelly both of Pembroke added a goal and an assist each.

Dave Richardson and John Dunn added a goal each for the Stingers.

Hanover's Paul Lafond scored the goal for the Sharks in the third period. The Sharks had one shot in the first period and eight for the game.

The Toros got a goal and an assist from John Tympanick while Hanover's Scott Morgan, Gavin Steinman

and Tom Dromey added a goal each for the Toros, who make their sixth trip to the finals.

Bill Knox and Dan Newcomb scored a goal each for the Saints.

Mike Purdy, Chuck Morrison, Harry Mathews and Eric Morgan scored a goal

each and Jim Toner had three assists in the Whalers, 4-4 consolation round tie with the Crusaders.

Ed Burke scored two goals, Scituate's Pat Byrne and Jim Donovan of Marshfield added a goal each and Jack Carrig had two assists for the Crusaders.

YOUTH

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Sophomores Joe Losordo, Declan McHugh, Connor McGovern, and Ian Appleby make up a second group that has tremendous potential.

Freshmen Dylan Cosen-tino and Quentin Humphrey are also in the mix.

Juniors Nick Evans and Thomas Marsden and Freshmen Joe Carroll and Reese Froio provide important depth up front.

On the blue line, Senior Michael Legge and Sophomore Jack Fitzpatrick carry the most significant playing experience.

They will be expected to set the example for juniors Nathan Arnold and Thomas Broderick as they join the defensive rotation.

Freshmen Bernie Mulcahy and Michael Powers have shown great promise and along with position newcomer, junior Jack Mahoney, they will complete the

Skippers' defense.

The best news for a young hockey team with a steep learning curve is the return of a solid goaltender and Cohasset has just that.

Sophomore Ethan Bartucca is back after a stellar rookie campaign where he started every game for the Skippers.

"Ethan is an outstanding talent and will be critical to our growth and overall success," Mahoney said. "His consistency has been impressive and he has the ability to keep us competitive in every game. As we break in new players and seek to solidify our play up front, he will be a steadying force."

Backing up Bartucca is Freshman Kieran McHugh, another strong netminder.

Cohasset started its season with two ties and a win, tying Watertown (3-3) and Hull/Middleboro (1-1) before beating East Bridgewater 6-3 courtesy of a major comeback Wed. Dec. 20 at Bridgewater Ice Arena.

Cohasset 6, East Bridgewater 3

Trailing 3-1 entering the third period, the Skippers exploded for five unanswered goals and beat East Bridgewater 6-3 in South Shore League action.

The win brings Cohasset to a record of 1-0-2 on the year.

Sophomore Jack Fitzpatrick opened the scoring with a goal early in the first period, but that would be the Skippers only tally through the first two periods.

East Bridgewater converted on some Cohasset mistakes and despite controlling much of the play, the Skippers trailed 3-1 at the end of two.

The third period started slow with five minutes of even action before the Ferreira-Losordo-Lund show took over.

Captains Kyle Ferreira, Ryan Losordo, and Matt Lund accounted for all five of the Skippers' goals with Ferreira netting two, Losordo two, and Lund one.

The trio moved the puck well and established a strong presence around the net to deliver the win for Cohasset.

Sophomore goaltender Ethan Bartucca earned his first win of the season and was helped by the solid play of defensemen Jack Fitzpatrick, Michael Legge, Thomas Broderick, Michael Powers, and Bernie Mulcahy.

"We did some good things early in the game but EB made us pay when we had breakdowns," Mahoney said. "It certainly didn't feel like we were losing 3-1

after the second period. We challenged the team to accomplish two things in the third period. First, don't allow any more goals and tighten up our structure in the defensive end. Second, get pucks to the net and drive to the net. I think that the team responded well and with the assistance of some EB penalties, we were able to take control of the game."

Mahoney had plenty of

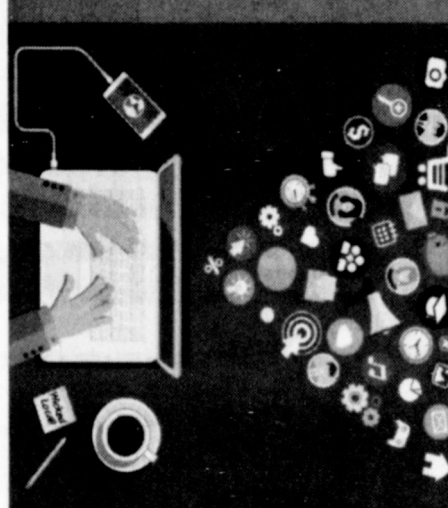
praise for his top line.

"Our first unit of Ferreira, Losordo, and Lund showed how dynamic they can be when they work together, move the puck, and attack the net," he said. "Their third period performance was outstanding. I love the 'never quit' attitude on this team. It is very contagious."

Cohasset hosts Quincy Saturday Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at Connell Rink in Weymouth.

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EDGED

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bullet from about four feet out towards the right corner. Hohmann flashed a pad out to make the big save.

"This was a very evenly matched game," said Cohasset/Hanover coach Deb Beal. "One of our aims this season is to do the basics well, and realize there are no short-cuts. I think that approach paid off today - from our breakouts to our defense to our net play, this was a good game."

"Talking to my team just now, they feel that maybe they weren't selfish enough today - we create the right plays, but there's no one to step up and get the goal when we need it. I was happy to hear that, because we're a young team and we're finding our way, and we're going to have it all fall into place very soon."

Cohasset/Hanover lost a lot of offensive pop to graduation, and then saw its starting goalie depart for private school, but the Skippers have plenty of young, eager novices. Forward Kate McCarthy is the

lone senior on the Cohasset/Hanover squad, but there are also seven juniors with good experience.

"Since we graduated basically all our scoring from last year, we are helping a lot of kids develop into new roles," said Beal, whose team was 14-4-4 last winter. "Losing our goalie was a tough blow, but we've had a freshman step in and she's an outstanding keeper. For us to be playing this well, and with this much discipline, just four games into our season bodes very well for the next 16 games."

WRESTLING

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have done well at 138.

Senior captain Josh Rosen is 5-2 and junior Joe Donoghue.

Freshman Drew Dockray is 6-2 at 220.

"Drew has had some big wins," Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said. "He's 6-2 now and wrestling great. He had

a couple of big wins Saturday. Really, the whole team have been outstanding. I'm pleased."

Saturday Dec. 16, Cohasset swept a home quad, beating Somerset 60-9, Silver Lake 54-13 and Waltham 58-12.

Cohasset will host a quad Friday Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. with Nauset, Bellingham and South Shore Vocational Tech.

"It should be a great day of wrestling," Sweeney said.

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Christmas truce, North Korea and missed opportunities



BILL TURPIE

The Christmas Truce" is on my mind again this year because of the stand off between our country and North Korea. Tensions on the Korean peninsula

Perhaps as never before, we are living in a moment of truce that is likely to tilt towards a nuclear nightmare because we can't see the other with a human face and equally frightened as we are.

could lead to nuclear war — unthinkable in any era.

The so-called "Truce" happened in 1914 during the beginning months of the First World War and may have lessons we need to heed. After only a few months of war back then,

German and British troops were bogged down in their muddy and depressing trenches with a small no man's land separating them. It was Christmas day and one side began to sing carols. The other side heard them and responded with a different carol. Then one side waved a tree with a decoration. White flags were hoisted and a few brave men crawled out of their emplacements and invited their enemy to do the same, so they could celebrate Christmas together.

Soon men were up and over their trenches embracing each other and exchanging gifts of cigarettes, cigars and whisky. Sounds impossible. But there are many photos and newspaper articles of the unusual moment. Pictures show harried warriors staring at the cameras with smiles, their arms around each other's shoulders. Another shot shows a few men kicking an improvised football. Others took the time to bury comrades whose bodies had been lying in the open for days. Word spread and additional units began to make the same gestures of reconciliation. Some accounts have the truce lasting into January.

The general commands of both forces in their posts far from the front line sent out orders for the soldiers to return to their fortifications. Most were ignored. When the truce eventually ended, a number of men on each side said they aimed their rifles over the heads of their former enemies and found it hard

to resume taking lives.

Letters from long ago show that it was evident many of these soldiers confronted the fact that the other side consisted not of the warped creatures they had been made out to be, but sons, brothers and husbands with wives, sisters, and parents. Both sides were perplexed by family concerns: some were anxious about marriage plans, longing to meet newly arrived babies, and worried about health issues with their parents. In other words, they saw the other as humans too. In that awareness, they had a hard time remembering, "we're fighting the enemy." Now the enemy looked the same as they did.

Nevertheless, they were hounded by superior officers to get back to their responsibility to wage war. They hadn't come to France or Belgium to make friends and sing carols. There were no discussions among the opposing sides. Instead, the truce waned and the war thundered on for four years more years — devouring another 18 million lives. It was a missed opportunity to stop and reframe the enemy as human — not as impersonal creatures, but as sisters and parents worried about the same issues.

Wes Granberg-Michaelson, a friend and former head of the Reformed Church in America was in Seoul, South Korea for a conference this past September just 35 miles from the heavily armed border with North Korea. It is important to remember that there is no real peace between the Koreans, just an armistice that has survived for nearly six decades.

My friend says he spoke with a long time South Korean friend and church leader. He asked him, "What are the churches

of South Korea doing in this moment?" The friend answered immediately, "We're asking, 'What are the churches in America thinking.'" As their conversation went on, my friend learned that serious unofficial discussions had been underway in Norway between the U.S. and North Korea last May. But these had broken down. There were also back channel discussions in August, but these also finished without any resolution.

Now, instead of dialogue, we are caught up in a wave of rhetoric about how each side can unleash a nuclear nightmare and vaporize the lives of millions — posturing by our tyrants that they could destroy the other. These leaders could inflict unthinkable damage through an error in language, a frustrated ego, or a belittling of gestures meant to appease. Perhaps as never before, we are living in a moment of truce that is likely to tilt towards a nuclear nightmare because we can't see the other with a human face and equally frightened as we are.

Many observers of North Korea's harsh regime see the bluster and the intimidating missile launches as a cry for recognition. They are trying to get attention, so that discussions can be held. After his time in Korea, my friend believes there is the possibility for negotiations, a pulling back on nuclear intentions, talks on development, and trade agreements. But our president has said these are useless and will go nowhere. Granberg-Michaelson told me recently that he believes we are even closer to a misstep now than we were this summer with our country possibly taking unilateral military action against North Korea.

Are we losing another

chance at peace? We are in danger of destroying the uneasy peace that has held for much longer than the brief one of a hundred years ago. The World War I truce was established first by a few rogue units recognizing human beings across a "no man's land" of hope. Should these recent back channel forays be allowed to fail or be neglected? Should we allow arrogant leaders to propel us into mistakes that could decimate the Korean peninsula, annihilating the lives of millions of people? What of the possibility of North Korea's improved missiles reaching our cities with deadly payloads? Is arrogance and posturing worth such a costly mistake?

If church leaders had known back in 1914 that peace had broken out, and challenged the generals to not put the lid on such human intentions by ordering the guns to fire again, the world might be very different. If the wider populace had known that a foothold on sanity had opened up a new reality, Britain might not have lost a whole generation of its men and Europe itself might have avoided another even more destructive war only a few decades later.

Pray for sanity and for leaders on both sides to give peace a chance. Let there be a Christmas truce, but one that turns into a lasting peace.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Stephen A. Mack

BEDFORD, N.H. — Stephen A. Mack, of Bedford, N.H., formerly of Cohasset, Mass., died peacefully surrounded by family on December 8, 2017, at the age of 96.

He was born, son of Max and Josephine (Murray) Macalowski, October 30, 1921. Steve grew up in Brighton, Mass., and graduated from Brighton High School in 1940.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army for four years during World War II.

After the war he earned a degree from Boston University School of Journalism and went to work for BBDO, an advertising agency in Boston.

Prior to retirement, he was the Senior V.P. Marketing/Human Resources for Investors Mortgage Insurance Company in Boston. After retiring, Steve returned to school and received a master's of counseling degree from UMass-Boston.

Steve was the husband of Patricia (Walsh) Mack and the



Stephen A. Mack

late Mary (Tarmey) Mack; loving father of Kevin Mack and wife Mihaela of New Canaan, Conn., Anne Marie Rose

and husband Al of Cohasset, Jim Mack and wife Ann of Scituate, Mass., William Mack and wife Karen of Cohasset, Chris Mack of Reading, Mass., and the late Stephen Mack Jr.; grandfather of Sarah, Alison, Marty, Chris, Andrew, Lauren, William, Kevin, Casey, James; great-grandfather of Kayla, Hannah and Vida; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late William Mack and Sister Barbara Macalowski.

A funeral Mass followed by burial with military honors at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Mass., will be celebrated privately.

Jane L Marsh

COHASSET — Jane Lee (Magness) Marsh born December 13, 1923 in Cincinnati, OH died peacefully after a brief illness on December 7th, 2017 surrounded by family at the Hope Hospice McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich, MA.

Jane was predeceased by her husband, Dudley S. Marsh. She leaves 3 children, John Marsh & his wife Gigi of NYC, Suzy Hamilton & her husband Bob of West Yarmouth and Will Marsh of Scottsdale, AZ. She will lovingly, and with great humor, be remembered by grandchildren Emily & John Meyer and Mehret Marsh. Jane was also blessed by the addition of 2 great grandsons, William & Benjamin Meyer.

Jane grew up in Great Neck, New York. She moved in 1957 with her husband to Cohasset, MA. Cohasset soon became her favorite hometown. She retired after twenty years from the Town Accountant's Office in Cohasset and was able to pursue more fully her passion for gardening, bird watching and activities sponsored by the National Audubon Society.

After the loss of her husband in 1995, Jane wanting to stay busy and connected, proudly became a member of the "Lit-

tle Old Lady Squad" at the Scituate Pharmacy working 2 afternoons a week for years! The owners of the pharmacy and the wonderful crew of co-workers, were among her favorite friends. Their loyalty to her throughout the years was so appreciated by Jane and her family.

Among other close friends were the ladies she quilted and knitted with over the years at the Congregational Church in Cohasset. Her amazing talent for both hobbies continued into her late eighties. The pieces she left behind are now family heirlooms to be cherished.

We moved Jane to the Cape 2 years ago and thank the staff of The Woodlands at Pleasant Bay in Brewster for the kind, compassionate and accepting way of honoring your residents. You made our mom and other residents feel safe, secure and truly cared for.

Jane will be interred with her husband Dudley in the National Cemetery at Bourne. Services will be private. Anyone wishing to honor Jane's memory with a donation may direct it to The Hope Hospice McCarthy Care Center, 73 Service Road, East Sandwich.



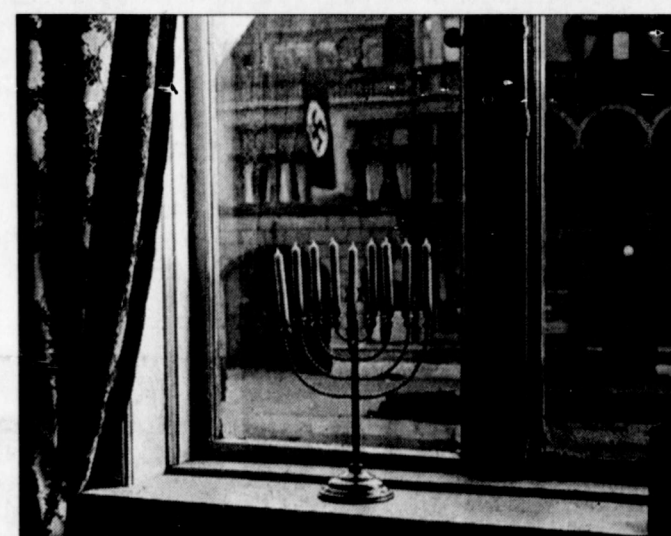
Rev. Tim Schenck

Last week I came across a black and white photograph that continues to mesmerize me. It was an image of a menorah on a window sill across the street from a building displaying the Nazi flag. It was taken in Kiel, Germany in 1932 and, while it is a famous picture, I had never before encountered it.

A blazing menorah lit in open defiance of the Nazi regime is a powerful image, one that speaks to history as well as our modern day. What's painful, is pondering the millions of innocent Jews who would be slaughtered in concentration camps between the time the photograph was taken and the end of World War II. This, and the festering of hate in our own day.

What struck me most, beyond the powerful visual juxtaposition, were the words hand-written in German on the back of the photograph: "Our light will outlast their flag." I wanted to know more about the photograph and the person who wrote these words so I did some research.

The menorah belonged to Rabbi Akiva Boruch Posner, the spiritual leader of the small Jewish community in the German town of Kiel. The Posner's home was directly across the street from the Nazi party



This photo of a menorah on a window sill across the street from a building displaying the Nazi flag was taken in Kiel, Germany in 1932. [COURTESY PHOTO]

headquarters. The photograph was taken on the 8th night of Hanukkah by Rabbi Posner's wife, Rachel, on a cold December night.

Yehudah Mansbuch, the Posner's grandson later shared the story of the picture:

"It was on a Friday afternoon right before Shabbat that this photo was taken. My grandmother realized that this was a historic photo, and she wrote on the back of the photo that 'their flag wishes to see the death of Judah, but Judah will always survive, and our light will outlast their flag.' My grandfather, the rabbi of the Kiel community, was making many speeches, both to Jews and Germans. To the Germans he warned that the road they were embarking on was not good for Jews or Germans, and to the Jews he warned that something terrible was brewing, and they would do well to leave Germany. My grandfather fled Germany in 1933, and

moved to Israel. His community came to the train station to see him off, and before he departed he urged his people to flee Germany while there's still time."

This prophetic understanding of the wrath that was to come, saved most of Kiel's Jewish community. Eight Jews were killed while the vast majority escaped Germany before Hitler's systematic slaughter.

As I drive around town, I am always struck by the sheer number of lights illuminating homes this time of year. Icicle lights and Christmas tree lights, white lights and colored lights. They all begin to blend together into a giant ball of radiance, but that lone menorah reminds me of the profound meaning behind the luminescence.

Divine light always transcends human flags. Even as we sing, "And our flag was still there," flags of the nations, no matter how powerful, will one

day come down. But the light will remain; the presence of the Lord will abide. Or, as the prophet Isaiah boldly proclaims, "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8). For me, this photograph, and the Posners testimony, stands as a witness to this light.

On Christmas Day, Christians will read the prologue to John's gospel. And in this poetic introduction teeming with the language of incarnation, we will hear that "A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). For Christians, this is the Light of Christ; of God entering the world in human form.

But beyond the specificity of this light is a universal yearning for hope, equality, and justice that transcends lines of belief. Which is why the menorah in the window offers us all hope in the face of despair, a reminder that light does indeed shine even on the darkest of nights.

May you find light during this season of hope and expectation, recognizing that it often arrives in unexpected ways. Wherever and however you worship, may your life be illumined by the divine light that never dims or fades away.

The Rev. Tim Schenck serves as Rector of the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, MA. Visit his blog "Clergy Confidential" at clergyconfidential.com or follow him on Twitter @FatherTim.

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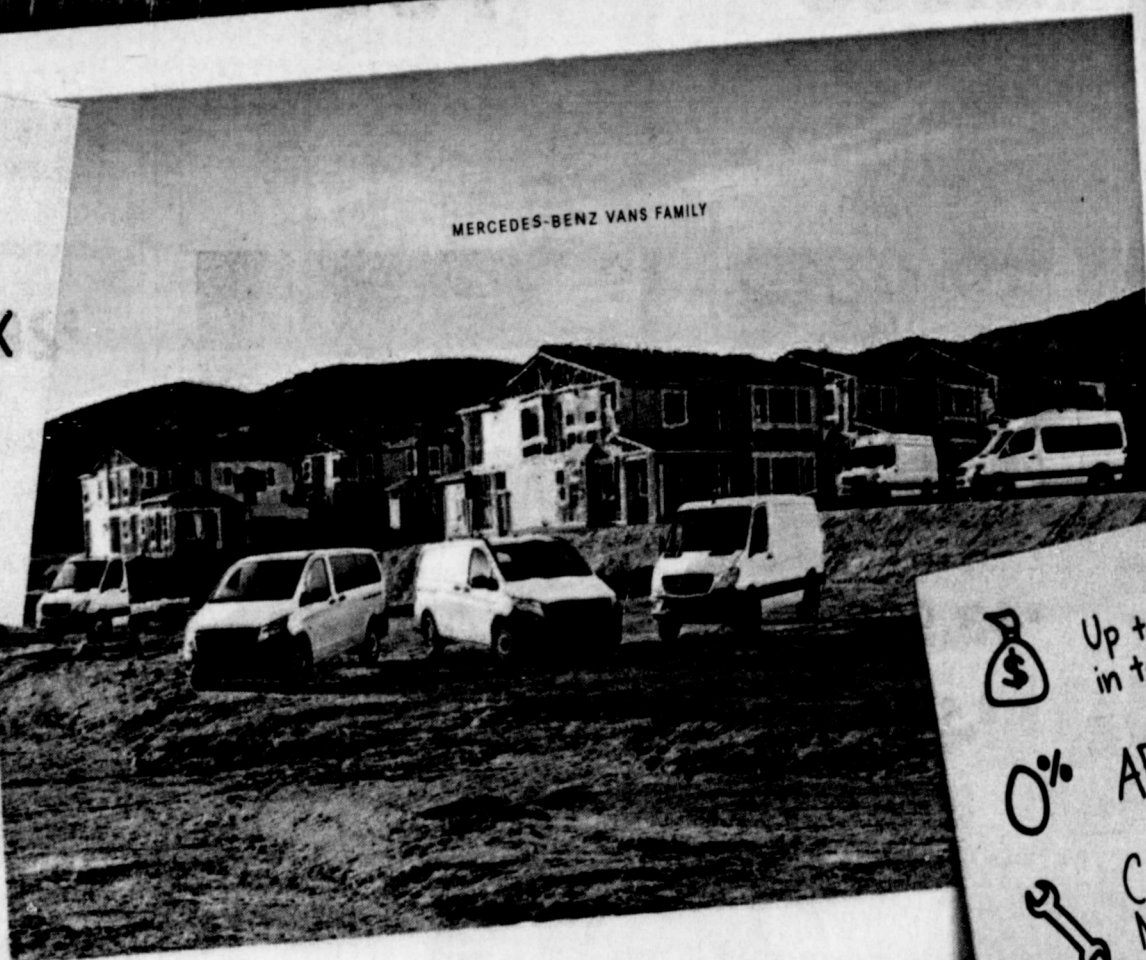
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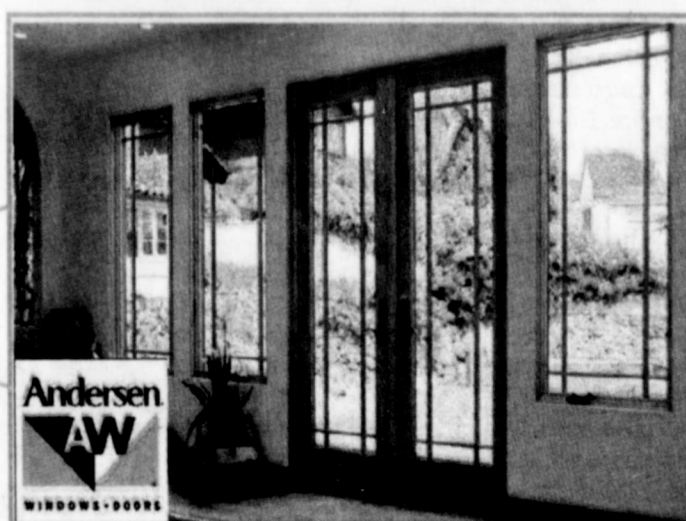
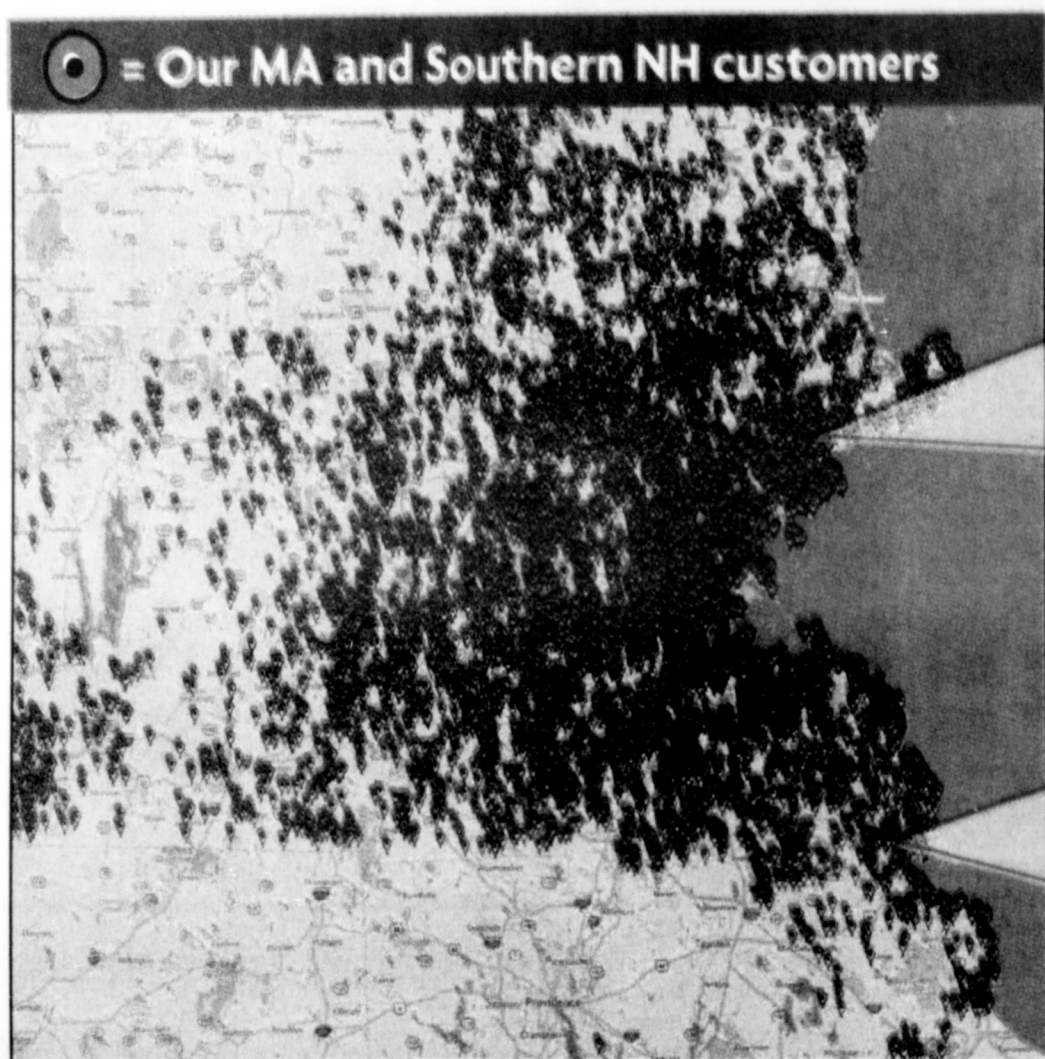
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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log which is public record and available for review.

Monday, Dec. 11

7:32 a.m.: A caller reported hearing some type of alarm in the area of Jerusalem Road at Red Gate Lane. Police reported it was quiet upon arrival.

7:45 a.m.: A caller reported an injured deer on his property on Forest Avenue. The deer left prior to police arrival.

8:39 a.m.: A caller asked to fire a reported about her phone number being used by an out-of-country party.

9:04 a.m.: Residents on Sohier Street reported fire alarms. Fire personnel reported a faulty detector.

11:24 a.m.: A caller reported damage on the green that occurred yesterday at the Cohasset Golf Club on Cedar Street.

12:11 p.m.: A residential alarm was reported on Wheelwright Farm. Police reported the house appeared secure.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

5:52 a.m.: A passerby reported hearing alarms sounding and seeing a light flash at St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue. The caller reported no smoke or fire. Fire personnel reported alarm trouble and advised the keyholder of the alarm.

7:16 a.m.: A caller reported the ex-wife of a former worker was harassing a construction crew on Atlantic Avenue. The caller stated the female party found the tree cutting crew as they were leaving Boston and had been following them ever since to this location. No physical contact was made, only verbal. Police reported the party was not in Cohasset.

7:54 a.m.: The earlier caller reported the female party was still following his crew and stated he would be going directly to the police station.

11 a.m.: A caller reported that gates at the MBTA Cohasset station on North Main Street went down, went back up halfway and then went down again with no



FILL A CRUISER: (L to R) Chief Bill Quigley, Former Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy, Sergeant Jeff Treanor, Frosty, Sergeant Mike Lopes, and Officer Greg Taylor, who is the new School Resource Officer, at Osgood School where they loaded up donated toys for the annual Toys For Tots drive. [COURTESY PHOTO]

train and then up again. Police reported the train functioned properly when it went through.

5:08 p.m.: A UPS driver reported a low-hanging wire still connected to the poles but on top of someone's Jeep on Linden Drive. Verizon was notified, and fire personnel secured the wire in two different places.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

4:24 p.m.: A caller reported a UPS truck parked on the wrong side of the road on Old Coach Road. The truck was gone on police arrival.

6:41 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported at a residence on Black Horse Lane. No smoke or fire was reported. Fire personnel reported the smoke detector was activated by the downdraft of the fireplace.

7:14 p.m.: An oven fire was reported at a house on Pleasant Street. The residents were advised to evacuate. Fire personnel reported heavy smoke in the house and knocked down the fire with an extinguisher. The fire reportedly began in the oven and extended to the cabinetry.

8:50 p.m.: A caller reported a tractor trailer idling for 30 minutes on James Lane. Police reported the truck was making a delivery but

was having trouble with lights.

9:59 p.m.: A commercial alarm was reported on Stagecoach Way. Police reported the property appeared secure.

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:57 a.m.: A caller reported an outside odor of gas on Beach Street. Fire personnel shut off the gas and waited for National Grid to arrive. A gas leak was located at the meter.

7:36 a.m.: A caller reported that the two exterior light posts at the end of Beechwood Street had been vandalized.

12:57 p.m.: A caller reported a black and white cat dead in the street across from her driveway on Beechwood Street. Police reported the cat had no chip or collar.

2:03 p.m.: A car alarm was reported going off at the MBTA Cohasset Station back entrance on North Main Street. Someone reportedly put flyers on cars in the area, which could have set off the alarm.

6:26 p.m.: An inside odor of gas was reported at Cohasset Harbor Inn on Elm Street. Fire personnel ventilated the dining room and re-lit the pilot light. National

Grid was called to inspect the appliances.

10:06 p.m.: A carbon monoxide alarm was reported at a residence on Gammon Road. The homeowner was aware but was not on site. Fire personnel reported zero readings.

Friday, Dec. 15

7:42 a.m.: A smoke alarm was reported at Pilgrim Bank on South Main Street. Fire personnel attempted to reset the alarm.

8:14 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. No injuries were reported, and Scituate Collision was requested to tow the vehicles.

8:23 a.m.: Personnel conducted a fire investigation on South Main Street. National Grid was requested.

2:15 p.m.: The Water Department reported a male party dumping garbage in his backyard on Cushing Road which could be affecting the water quality. Police spoke to both parties.

2:27 p.m.: A caller reported two swans in the middle of the road on North Main Street. Police reported the animals appeared fine.

3:38 p.m.: A stove fire was reported on Lantern Lane.

National Grid was notified. Fire personnel reported an issue with the kitchen stove and stated the fire had been put out.

4:10 p.m.: A caller reported a swan in the middle of the road on North Main Street, heading into town. The animal was gone on police arrival.

6:06 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported all over the road before pulling into the MBTA Cohasset Station parking lot on North Main Street. The vehicle was gone on police arrival.

8:06 p.m.: An alarm was reported at Pilgrim Bank on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police reported all appeared secure and checked the building with the keyholder.

Saturday, Dec. 16

1:35 a.m.: An officer requested that the Department of Public Works be notified to sand main roads.

7 a.m.: A white swan was reported in the roadway on North Main Street at Forest Avenue. The animal was gone on arrival.

8:07 a.m.: A walk-in reported a found dog. The owner was notified and picked the dog up.

10:44 a.m.: A living room motion alarm was reported at a residence on Beechwood Street. Police reported the home appeared secure.

10:45 a.m.: A muffler was reported in the middle of the road on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police checked the area and reported nothing found.

11:43 a.m.: A raccoon was reported in the middle of the roadway on Beechwood Street, possibly still alive. The animal was gone on police arrival.

1:04 p.m.: A yellow Lab with no collar was reported at Cohasset Village on South Main Street. The dog was taken to the Scituate Animal Shelter.

8:50 p.m.: A residential alarm was reported on Forest Avenue. Police reported the property appeared secure.

11:07 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported at Mullaney's Fish Market on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Fire personnel reported the water alarm had been activated, possibly due to a burst pipe.

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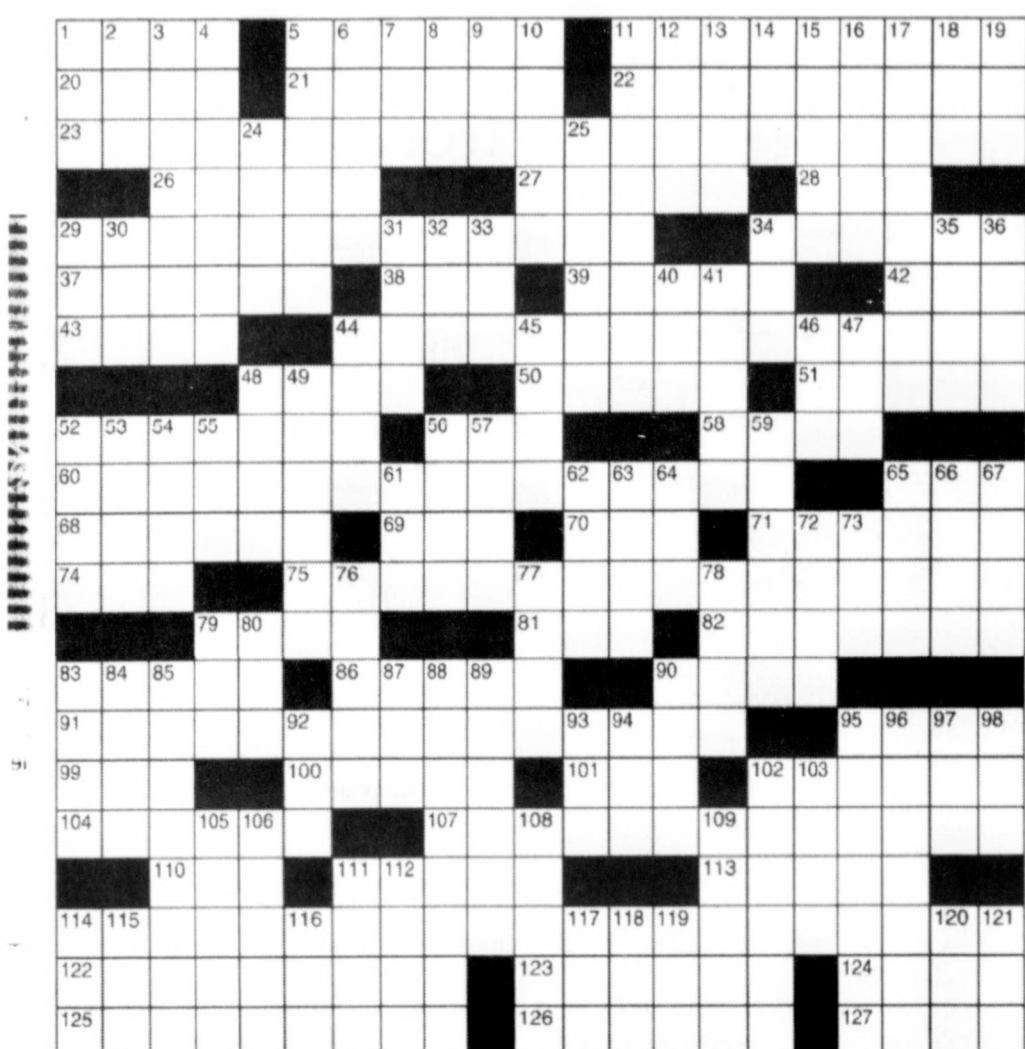
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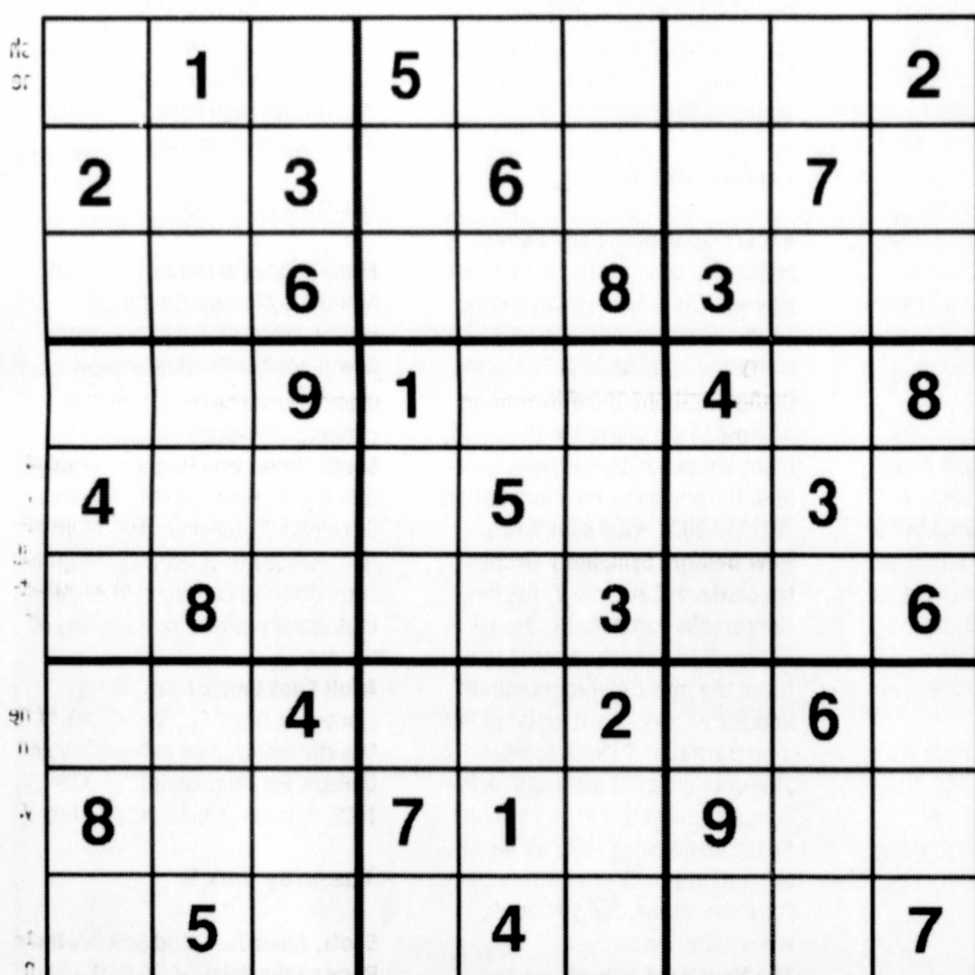
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Defers (to)
5 Pretenders
11 Animistic religion of northern Asia
20 Adored star
21 How bed linens are often sold
22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993
23 CHARM
26 Spending jag
27 "— ed Euridice"
28 "Ben- —"
29 SEE
34 Citi Field
37 Clothed very shabbily
38 Prefix with color
39 Fleecy beast
42 Lose vigor
43 Not difficult
44 HEIGHTEN
48 Grows older
50 Daisy cousin
51 California's Point —
52 Was of use to
56 See 29-Down
58 "Nothing — it seems"
60 FALL
65 Suffix with host
68 Certify
69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
70 Ghost shout
71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
74 "Lit of me?"
75 STEAL
79 Donne, e.g.
81 Lead-in to history
82 E.T.'s human friend
83 Ranch rope
86 Fizzy drinks
90 Holiday song
91 SUPPLY
95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
99 Crux
100 Czar's edict
101 See 103-Down
102 Mint-family horbo
104 Gets more narrow
107 CHANGE
110 "— mouse?"
111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
113 Eventual oak
114 ERASE
122 Proper noun in an atlas
123 Ripped thoroughly
124 Huge-scale
125 Person on both sides of an issue
126 Treats with malice
127 Gas brand
15 Don Marquis' "— and Mehitabel"
16 Poet Tate
17 "It really seems to me ..."
18 Moral failure
19 Pithy remark
24 Math subj.
25 Cave beings
29 With
56-Across, compete to obtain
30 Suffix with czar
31 LAX info
32 Madras "Mr."
33 Female sib
34 Turner of an insurrection
35 "Tall" story
36 Mil. officers
40 Rd. relative
41 Physicist
44 Funny Foxx
45 English noble
46 Special time
47 Strikes (out)
48 Hoody drinks
49 Docile
52 Actor Driver
53 "No" from a higher-up
54 Italian wine area
55 Luge surface
56 Ariel, e.g.
57 Large elliptical fish
59 Not volatile
61 Flying British mil. branch
62 Ridesharing app
63 Stir
64 Curly's bud
65 Ferrari who founded
66 Riverbed deposit
67 "Keep it in"
72 Secluded valley
73 Arm of Israel
76 "Don't worry"
77 — dixit (unproven assertion)
78 Cat cry
79 Chi-omega linkup
80 Alley —
83 Gave temporarily
84 Kind of blue
85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
87 Female gametes
88 Catastrophe
89 Antarctic penguin
90 Scale part
92 Toys — (chain for kids)
93 TV "Science Guy"
94 Ruhr article
95 Turnpike toll, e.g.
96 Takes for ransom
97 Wallach of "Nuts"
98 Old aviation inits.
102 What pull-ups work
103 With
101-Across, thus far
105 Actress
106 Evaluated
108 Sends cell messages
109 Unclear
111 Kind of gel
112 Unchanged
114 Photo —
115 Deli staple
116 Cut off
117 Fizzy drink
118 Geller from Israel
119 Bottom-line
120 Prefix with gender
121 Prefix with friendly
- DOWN**
- 1 Spill-catching wear
2 Poem of laud
3 "Amazing!"
4 Ramp for accessing a ship
5 Gem sides
6 Ghostly pale
7 Jay-eil linkup
8 Psychic "gift"
9 Stimp's bud
10 Small porch
11 Small bird that builds edible nests
12 Visible air
13 Chevy's Sonic, before 2011
14 Many adults

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are

able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

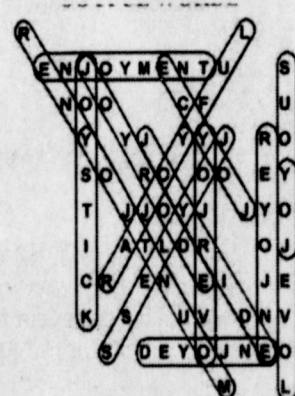
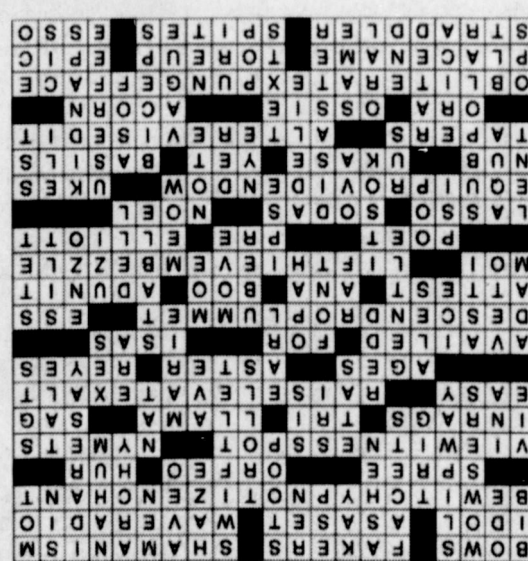
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

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CALENDAR

'A Christmas Carol' at Plymouth Center for the Arts

WHEN: 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22
WHAT: "A Christmas Carol" performance at Plymouth Center for the Arts

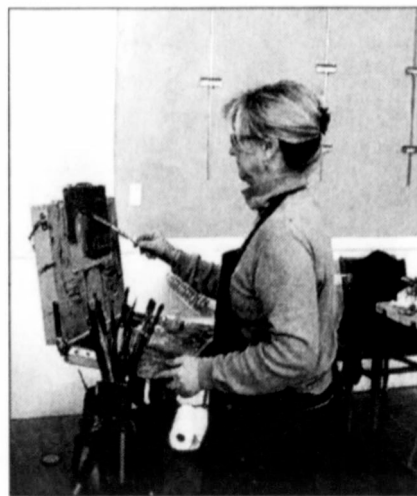
INFO: "A Christmas Carol" one-man show by Neil McGarry at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Directed by Ross MacDonald and created under the auspices of The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company. Tickets \$25; \$20 seniors and students.
For information: 508-746-7222, plymouthguild.org/events/performing-arts/christmas-carol-2017-friday.



Joy O'Keeffe art display at James Library

WHEN: Now to Jan. 17

WHAT: Joy O'Keeffe art display at James Library in Norwell
INFO: Art display by Joy O'Keeffe, Nov. 17 to Jan. 17, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Local dentist O'Keeffe loves working with her hands, and for the past eight years has become passionate about oil painting. Her works have been in many local juried art shows and can be seen gracing the walls of her office in Pembroke.
For information: 781-659-7100, jameslibrary.org.

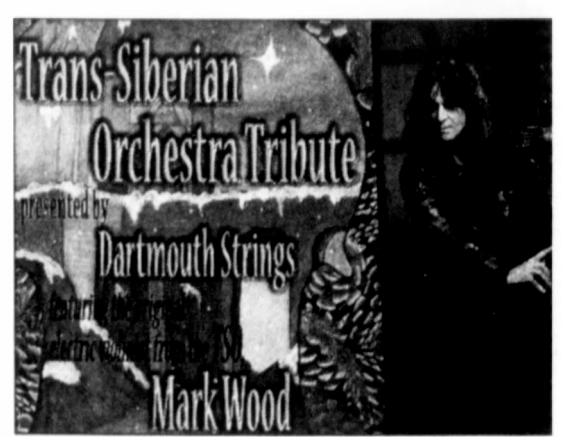


Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute at Zeiterion Center

WHEN: 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23

WHAT: Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute at Zeiterion Center in New Bedford

INFO: Dartmouth Orchestra's Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute at Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. Over 100 Dartmouth Orchestra students present a tribute to the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra - featuring the original TSO electric violinist, Mark Wood, as a guest soloist. Tickets \$10/\$15.
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Friday, Dec. 22

Book sale: Dec. 1-31, Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library will hold a special holiday-themed book sale through December. The books are on sale tables in the library lobby and feature a broad range of holiday books. New titles will be added throughout the month, so keep checking back for best selection. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.
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Diving Ducks: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Build a bird feeder: 1-3 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. For adults and families with children ages 6 and up. \$22/\$18 member. Preregister. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore. Teacher naturalist Doug Lowry and birder Tim O'Neil will guide participants in building a simple bird feeder. Materials and tools will be provided.
Dartmouth Orchestra's Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute: 7 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. \$10/\$15. For information: 508-994-2900, www.zeiterion.org.
M.S.F. Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Winter Bug Hunt: 9 a.m. to noon,

North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Register. For kids in grades 1-5: \$35/\$30 member child. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore. Hit the trails in search of winter bugs and their hiding places, and then build a bug motel to take home to your yard.
Chili and Cornbread Owl Prowl: 6-9 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Preregister. \$25/\$20 member adult. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore. Chili and cornbread at the office first, then on to the owls.
Savoir Faire Jazz Trio: 6-9 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Highway, Scituate, each Wednesday. For information: 781-545-1340.
Norwell Evening Book Group: 6:30 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. Book to discuss is "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. For information: 781-659-2015, norwellpubliclibrary.org.
Open mic with Steve Tobias and Bob Cedrone: 7-10 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Scavenger Hunt: 9 a.m. to noon, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Register. For kids in grades 1-5: \$35/\$30 member child. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore. Scavenge for special secret items, and use them to create your own nature bottle to take home and challenge your family and friends.
Matinee Movie: 2 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "Stronger," rated R. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.
Teen Chocolate Dipping Party: 3 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. For information: 781-659-2015, norwellpubliclibrary.org.
Steve Todesco joins the Willie J. Laws Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, Dec. 29

Book sale: Dec. 1-31, Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library will hold a special holiday-themed book sale through December. The books are on sale tables in the library lobby and feature a broad range of holiday books. New titles will be added throughout the month, so

keep checking back for best selection. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.
Breen Brothers: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Tower of Power: 8 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. \$36.50, \$46.50, \$56.50. For information: 508-994-2900, www.zeiterion.org.
Vere Hill: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve party: 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate. Rock'n the New Year with Post 192 will feature music by Brandy, dinner provided by the Barker Tavern, champagne, raffles, prizes and more. For information: <https://post192newyearseve.weebly.com>.
Happy New Year with Ghost Train: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. \$15 cover. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Monday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day Woodland Walk: 1-3 p.m., Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Choice of a family hike for those who would like a faster paced guided walk or a stroll with Steve Ivas, who will talk about nature's signs of winter in the woods. Hot cocoa in the Tomato Barn after your hike. Free event. For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

NAMI caregivers support group: 6-7:30 p.m., Vinfen's office, 5 Finnell Drive, Weymouth, presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness. A caregivers support group for those who have loved ones living with mental illness. Facilitators guide the group offering advice and support. Group meets the first and third Monday each month (except legal holidays - meet on Tuesday following holiday). For information: namisouthshore@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Weymouth Market: 3:30-5 p.m., Chapman Middle School, 1051 Commercial St., Weymouth. Fresh food is free to all Weymouth residents. Just register one time at <https://goo.gl/forms/MVVR-jwroBTKFa20E3>. Take a reusable grocery bag each time you attend. Held first Wednesday of the month. Sponsored by the Greater Boston Food Bank. For information: 781-335-7589, <https://goo.gl/forms/MVVR-jwroBTKFa20E3>.
Savoir Faire Jazz Trio: 6-9 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Highway, Scituate, each Wednesday. For information: 781-545-1340.

Thursday, Jan. 4
Matinee Movie: 2 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "Victoria & Abdul," rated PG-13. Light refreshments provided. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

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Open call play auditions: Jan. 4 and 7, Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Auditions for "La Cage aux Folles" at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and at 1 p.m. Jan. 7. Arrive prepared to sing a song from the show in the show key, or a song in a similar musical theater style. Take a headshot or snapshot. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Friday, Jan. 5

Family Open House and Scout Night: 6-9 p.m., South Shore Model Railway Club, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham. Admission is \$2 for everyone age 5 and up. Featuring demonstrations and information on how to get started in the hobby. Light snacks and beverages available for purchase. For information: 781-740-2000, www.ssmrc.org.
New Bedford Symphony Orchestra concert: 7:30 p.m., Zeiterion Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. "Kiss of the Earth" features the music of Rachmaninoff and Stravinsky. Guest artist pianist Inon Barnatan. Tickets are \$25-\$60, students under 22 always \$10. Pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m. in Penier Space (adjoining the Z) by Barnatan and music director Yaniv Dinur. For information: 508-994-2900, www.zeiterion.org.
The New Band concert: 8 p.m., Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets \$25. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com. The New Band plays classic rock, rhythm and blues and pop. Members are Donnie Norton, vocals and auxiliary percussion; Sara Logan Seals, vocals and keys; Ryan MacLeod, bass; Mike Monteiga, drums; and Jeff Hall, guitar.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Creative Kids Art Classes: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Led by artists Lisa Flynn and Karen Baker. \$20 for single class or \$75 for all four in the series. Fee covers all art supplies. For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.
Roomful of Blues: 8 p.m., Company Theatre Center for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The award winning New England based band has been celebrating jump blues, R&B and early rock 'n' roll music for a record 45 years. Tickets \$26. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.
South Shore Folk Music Club: 8 p.m., Beal House, 222 Main St., Kingston. Songwriter and folk singer Ian Fitzgerald will perform. Tickets \$20 per member, \$22 per non-member. For information: <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2950203>, www.ssfmc.org.

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Little Christmas in Jackson Square

Epiphany concert: 3 p.m. East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Singer-songwriter Jim Melody, composer of "Christmas in Boston," will perform his signature tune. The concert features choirs, instrumentalists, and vocal soloists. There is no admission fee, but cash donations will be requested for the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information: www.eweyucc.org.

Monday, Jan. 8

Meditation at the Abbey: 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Morcone Center, 20 Hull St., Hingham. For information: aqwallace@comcast.net, www.glastonburyabbey.org. Complimentary optional at 7:45 p.m.
South Shore Lyme Support meeting: 6:30-8 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. For information: 508-332-9743, jeanwhart@gmail.com. Attendance is open to all. Meetings usually held second Monday of the month.
Adult Book Group: 7 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Scott, Amundsen, and Shackleton - Race to the Pole: 7-8:30 p.m., John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. Presented by local historian, Bob Begin. For information: 781-826-2972, www.hanovermass.com/library.
Harry Potter Trivia: 7 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For ages 16 and older. Test your Potter-verse knowledge against a formidable team of librarians determined to stump you. Costumes welcome. Snacks served. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Free event addressing eating disorders: 6-7 p.m., South Shore Medical Center, 143 Longwater Drive, Norwell. Project HEAL (Help to Eat, Accept & Live) is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping people recover from eating disorders. At this event, Boston-area members of the organization will share their stories of recovery and will offer support, advice, and resources for patients struggling with eating disorders. Family members and members of a patient's treatment team are also invited to attend. For information: SouthShoreHealth.org/ProjectHeal.
Savoir Faire Jazz Trio: 6-9 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Highway, Scituate, each Wednesday. For information: 781-545-1340.

Thursday, Jan. 11

Matinee Movie: 2 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "The Mountain Between Us," rated PG-13. Light refreshments provided. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.
VML Virtual Tour Mini-Series: 6-7:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Part One: Victorian Boston and Back Bay, presented by Heide Hasselmann. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

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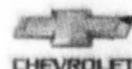
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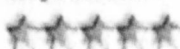
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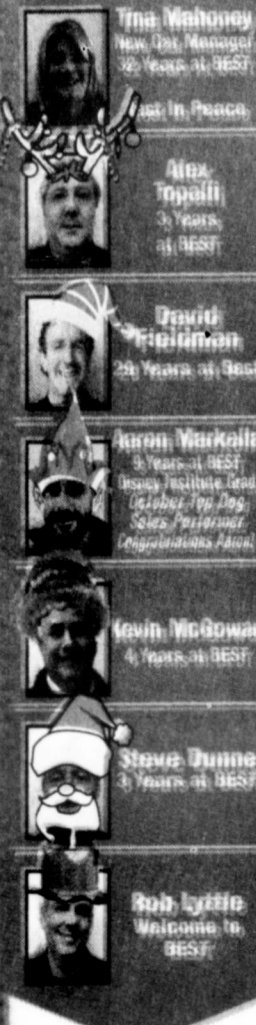
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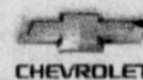


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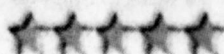


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